

- SUBJECT:** Adopting recent International Residential Code as statewide city code
- COMMITTEE:** Land and Resource Management — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 5 ayes — Craddick, Muñoz, C. Bell, Biedermann, Minjarez
- 1 nay — Stickland
- 3 absent — Canales, Leman, Thierry
- WITNESSES:** For — Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club; Michael Choate, SPEER; Richard Morgan; (*Registered, but did not testify*: David Matiella, U.S. Green Building Council Texas Advocacy Committee; Kelly Sadler, International Code Council; J.D. Hale, Texas Association of Builders; Kenneth Flippin)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Christa Lopez and Jerry Rahm, Texas General Land Office)
- BACKGROUND:** Some have noted that the current statewide city residential building code, the International Residential Code as it existed on May 1, 2001, has not been updated in several years.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 3810 would change the version of the International Residential Code (IRC) adopted as the statewide city residential building code from the IRC as it existed on May 1, 2001, to the IRC as it existed on May 1, 2012.
- The bill would specify that local amendments made to the code could add, modify, or remove requirements set by the IRC. A city would be prohibited from adopting a local amendment to the building code without a public hearing and adoption by ordinance of the amendment.
- The bill would not affect certain laws regarding the installation of a fire

sprinkler protection system.

Cities would have to establish rules and take other necessary actions to implement changes made by the bill before January 1, 2020. This provision would take effect September 1, 2019.

Except as otherwise provided, the bill would take effect January 1, 2020, and would apply only to residential construction, remodeling, alteration, or repair that began on or after that date.