

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3502
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the need for greater flexibility regarding the manner with which condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations conduct their meetings. Currently, these associations are subject to restrictions that make virtual or electronic meetings impractical. H.B. 3502 seeks to provide additional flexibility for these associations by allowing these meetings to occur through any method of communication.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3502 amends the Property Code to authorize a condominium unit owners' association and a property owners' association to hold a meeting by any method of communication, including electronic and telephonic means, and to conduct voting at the meeting electronically, as provided by certain Business Organizations Code provisions relating to domestic entity meetings.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.