

Bill Summary
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

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Bill Analysis

SB 1994 provides for the removal of unlawful occupants. The measure authorizes property owners to request the sheriff of a county in which the property is located to immediately remove a person or persons unlawfully occupying real property if certain conditions outlined in the measure are met. The sheriff must serve a notice to immediately vacate on all unlawful occupants of the property prior to their removal. The measure authorizes the sheriff to arrest any person found on the property for trespass, outstanding warrants, or any other legal cause. Any person wrongfully removed may bring a civil cause of action. Additionally, the measure creates a felony for unlawfully occupying a property and causing intentional damages greater than \$1,000.00. The measure establishes a maximum term of imprisonment at 3 years and/or a maximum fine of \$10,000.00. Any person who presents a false document purporting to be a valid lease agreement, deed, or other instrument conveying real property rights is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in the county jail and/or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 1994 completely replaces engrossed language with the language described above.

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