

**Subject** Tenant's Right to Organize; Tenant's Associations

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## Overview

This bill establishes a right to organize for tenant's living in a residential building and requires landlords to allow certain organizing activities to happen at the residential building. This bill prevents retaliation by a landlord for organizing and also imposes penalties for landlord's who violate this section.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Tenant association.</b> Creates a new definition for a tenant association in chapter 504B.
2	<b>Tenant organization.</b> Creates a new definition for a tenant organization in chapter 504B.
3	<b>Tenant right to organize; tenant association.</b> Provides rights to tenants and tenant organizers to distribute information in their building, contact tenants in the building, and hold meetings in the building about organizing as a tenant group. This section also prevents landlords from prohibiting tenant organizations from the building, or requiring prior permission to do organizing activities, and prevent retaliation by the landlord against organizing tenants. A tenant association must adopt by laws or an operating agreement.  This section imposes a penalty of \$1,000 per violation that a tenant can recover along with reasonable attorneys fees.