

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1377
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, a number of county records are deteriorating and are in need of preservation. Counties that are adjacent to an international boundary have the ability to charge a records archive fee not to exceed \$5 for the filing of public documents in county clerks offices. House Bill 1377 provides for a fee not to exceed \$5 to be imposed for filing public documents in county clerk offices in the remainder of the state for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and managing certain county records.

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

SECTION 1. Amends Section 118.011 (e), Local Government Code, by deleting language that restricts the fee to counties adjacent to an international border.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 118.025, Local Government Code, by deleting language that restricts the fee to counties along the border.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 118.025 (b), Local Government Code, by deleting language that restricts the fee to counties adjacent to an international border.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003