

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, there is no fee available to a municipality which may be assessed for the preservation of records. However, a county is allowed to impose several fees for records management and preservation. S.B. 1744 establishes a local records preservation and technology enhancement fund supported by a surcharge on the issuance of birth and death records for the preservation of permanent, historical, and archival records.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 191.0045, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (h), as follows:

(d) Makes conforming changes.

(h) Authorizes a local registrar, in addition to other fees collected under this section, to collect a fee not to exceed \$1 for the preservation of vital statistics records maintained by the registrar, including birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and annulment records. Requires a fee under this section to be collected by the registrar on the issuance of a vital statistics record.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.