

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2877** by Bonnen (Relating to the permitting procedures of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to extend public comment periods and makes changes to contested case hearing requirements. It would also change requirements for responding to public comments and place restrictions on the types of issues that can be referred to hearing by the TCEQ.

The changes proposed by the bill are not expected to require significant additional resources to implement.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Local governments could experience increased public notification costs. However, these costs are not expected to be significant.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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