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TO: Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2697 by Phillips (Relating to the preservation of Texas historical resources and historical government records; imposing fees; making an appropriation.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2697, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

Appropriations:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation out of <i>New General Revenue Dedicated</i>
2006	\$8,438,000
2007	\$11,464,000

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated</i>	Probable (Cost) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated</i>	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005
2006	\$8,438,000	(\$8,438,000)	8.0
2007	\$11,464,000	(\$11,464,000)	8.0
2008	\$11,693,000	(\$11,693,000)	8.0
2009	\$11,939,000	(\$11,939,000)	8.0
2010	\$12,177,000	(\$12,177,000)	8.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Government Code to create the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Historical Government Records Preservation Account to be administered by the agency to provide grants; require the the Library and Archives Commission to establish a historical government records preservation grant program, administer an emergency disaster recovery grant program, and provide records management and preservation training to local governments; and appropriate funding to the agency for the programs.

The bill also would amend Local Government Code to increase the fee for filing the first page of any document in the real property records of county clerks by \$2.50, which the amended Government Code would require to be deposited in the Texas Historical Government Records Preservation Account.

Additionally, the bill would repeal the Library and Archives Commission's grants-in-aid program pertaining to aiding local governments in establishing records management programs or preserving historical local government records.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that the entire amounts collected would be expended in each fiscal year. The analysis reflects projected revenue from the \$2.50 fee increase for filing the first page of any document in the real property records of county clerks and the deposit of the collected fees into the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Historical Government Records Preservation Account.

The estimate includes costs associated with 8 FTEs to implement and administer the programs established by the bill. It also includes costs related to providing emergency disaster recovery grant awards; historical government records preservation grant awards in an amount not less than 65 percent of the account in fiscal years 2007-2010; and records management and preservation training to local governments, as directed by the bill.

Technology

The estimate includes costs associated with required technology equipment to implement the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

The bill would result in a positive fiscal impact to those local governmental entities that apply for, are awarded, and accept a grant from the commission. Probable revenue to local governmental entities includes the 10 percent administrative fee retained by counties for collecting the fee.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 306 Library & Archives Commission

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