

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations & Trade

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

**IN RE: HB3473** by Chavez (Relating to an exemption from the platting requirement in certain counties near an international border.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 232 of the Local Government Code to authorize an exemption from the platting requirements of the Subchapter B. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to grant a waiver to a nonprofit corporation exempted from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code if the request for a waiver is "part of a demonstrable plan to make improvements to an existing colonia to bring the colonia into compliance with the relevant provisions of the Health and Safety Code." A subdivision receiving such a waiver would be authorized to receive utility connection certificates for water, sewer, electricity, and gas service.

The Act takes effect on September 1, 2005.

The Office of the Attorney General anticipates that it would be called upon to review one or more subdivision plats by 501(c)(3) corporations each year for waivers from the platting requirements of Subchapter B of Chapter 232 of the Local Government Code. The agency anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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