

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB83 by Branch (Relating to requiring a record vote by each house of the legislature on final passage of a bill, resolution to propose or ratify a constitutional amendment, or other nonceremonial resolution and to public notice of the record vote.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB83, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$47,745) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	(\$47,745)
2010	\$0
2011	(\$47,745)
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2008	\$0
2009	(\$47,745)
2010	\$0
2011	(\$47,745)
2012	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require a record vote in both houses of the legislature on final passage of any bill, joint resolution, or nonceremonial resolution and includes concurrence of the other house's amendments and adoption of conference committee reports. The votes shall be recorded in the journals of the appropriate house and published on the Internet. The bill would not apply to certain local bills.

Methodology

Information was obtained from the House on the number of non-record votes taken on final passage during the 79th Legislature, Regular Session. The number of non-record votes was multiplied by the estimated cost of each record vote (\$55.00) to estimate the cost to the state. The Senate estimates that recording every members vote in the journal would require an additional 1/4 of a journal volume to be printed at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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