

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 2, 2007**

**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 and to public notice of the record vote.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB83, As Introduced: 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:**

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

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
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 including 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 does 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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