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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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IN RE: SB1259 by Hegar (Relating to the electronic storage of records by the clerks of the supreme court and the courts of appeals.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the electronic storage of records by the clerks of the supreme court and the courts of appeals. The bill would authorize the clerk of the supreme court as well as the clerks of the fourteen intermediate courts of appeals to maintain records and documents in an electronic format. If the clerk chooses to do so, the original records may be destroyed. The clerk of the supreme court indicates any costs related to the bill's implementation could be absorbed within the court's existing resources. Similarly, this analysis assumes existing resources for the fourteen courts of appeals will be sufficient to implement bill provisions. Accordingly, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

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

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