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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: SB1694 by Ogden (Relating to the designation of a courthouse square or a courthouse or other real property in a courthouse square as a state archeological landmark.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Natural Resources Code to, notwithstanding other statute, require the Texas Historical Commission to remove from designation as a landmark a county courthouse square, county courthouse, or other real property in a county courthouse square under certain circumstances: (1) the commissioners court adopts and submits a resolution seeking removal of the designation and (2) the county has not received any funds from the agency for the preservation, restoration, or modification of the property.

Following removal of a landmark designation, the bill would prohibit the agency from redesignating a county courthouse square, county courthouse, or other real property unless the county commissioners court adopts a resolution consenting to the designation.

Based on analysis by the Texas Historical Commission, it is assumed that costs associated with implementation could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 808 Historical Commission

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