

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB2717** by Darby (relating to the duties and responsibilities of certain county officials and the functions of county government.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to require a clerk to annually complete 20 hours of continuing education during each term of office and within the first 12 months of taking office, including at least one hour of training regarding fraudulent court documents and filings.

The bill would permit a person qualified to serve as a petit juror to establish an exemption from jury service if the person has legal custody of a child under 12; the current exemption is for persons with legal custody of a child under 15.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to authorize a local registrar or a county clerk that currently collects a fee not to exceed \$1 to be used to pay for training a registrar or a county clerk regarding vital statistics records and ensuring the safety and security of vital statistics records.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to permit a county commissioners court to authorize officers who collect fees, fines, court costs or other charges to accept a payment by a check verified electronically. A state agency would not be required to remit the district court records fee imposed under Chapter 118 of the Local Government Code.

The bill would repeal Section 191.030 of the Health and Safety Code.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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