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TO: Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB680 by Gallegos (Relating to a fee collected by a district clerk for certain electronic certified copies.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to permit a district court clerk to collect a fee for an electronic certified copy not to exceed \$1 per page or for part of a page that would be retained by the county.

Local Government Impact

There could be a positive fiscal impact from additional revenue resulting from the new fee that would vary depending on the number of electronic copies made by a district court; however, the amount is not anticipated to be significant.

Comal County and Travis County reported there would be no fiscal impact.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, counties reported a one-time setup expense in fiscal year (FY) 2011, but would receive additional revenue in subsequent fiscal years.

Henderson County estimated a cost of \$4,750 for FY 2011 to implement the system, and an annual software maintenance fee of \$1,000. In FY 2012 there would be an estimated revenue gain of \$15,000 and \$25,000 in subsequent fiscal years.

Fort Bend County estimated a cost of \$2,400 for FY 2011 to implement the system (\$5,000 setup expense less \$2,600 prorated revenue gain). In FY 2012 and 2013 there would be an estimated revenue gain of \$31,200 and \$62,400 in subsequent fiscal years.

Titus County reported a cost of \$333 for FY 2011 to implement the system, and a revenue gain of \$2,000 in subsequent fiscal years.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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