

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 22, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB996** by Giddings (Relating to permitting electronic delivery of certain documents in a criminal case.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to add secure electronic mail as an acceptable means of transmission for certain documents in a criminal case. The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the court system resulting from the bill. The bill would take effect immediately if receiving two-thirds vote of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.

**Local Government Impact**

Allowing a clerk to send copies by secure electronic mail as opposed to certified mail would slightly reduce work and costs (savings of \$6.11 per writ of habeas corpus filed); however, these savings are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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