

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 27, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Open Government

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

**IN RE:** SB457 by Rodríguez (Relating to the confidentiality of certain autopsy records. ),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

Under the exception to public disclosure already provided under current law, the bill would amend Section 11, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal Procedure, to allow a governmental body to withhold photos and x-rays of a body during an autopsy without requesting a decision from the Attorney General's Office.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would likely reduce workload for counties that answer these types of public information requests. However, savings are not anticipated to be significant.

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