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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB679 by Duncan (Relating to certain records and supporting affidavits filed as evidence in certain actions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to certain records and supporting affidavits filed as evidence in certain actions. The bill would modify the wording of a business record affidavit concerning costs and necessity of services used to admit evidence into trial as a business record of a regularly conducted activity exception to the hearsay rule. The bill also provides that the records attached to the affidavit are not required to be filed with the clerk of the court before trial commences except as provided by the Texas Rules of Evidence. The Office of Court Administration estimates the bill will not have a significant fiscal impact on the judiciary or the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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