

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 24, 2015**

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

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

**IN RE:** **HB1166** by Burkett (relating to sworn statements and other documentation provided to support the issuance of a search warrant.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<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 regarding the statement or affidavit provided to support the issuance of a search warrant. The bill would provide that a magistrate could accept a sworn statement by telephone or electronic communication for purposes of setting forth substantial facts showing probable cause for a search warrant's issuance, provided an oath is administered and the statement is electronically recorded and promptly transcribed. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**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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