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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB818 by Cortez (Relating to authorizing the county clerk in certain counties to conduct certain marriage ceremonies and collect a related fee; authorizing a fee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to authorize the county clerk and any deputy appointed by the clerk to conduct marriage ceremonies in certain counties. This authorization would apply for marriages in which one of the participants is a member of the United States armed forces in active-duty status. The clerk or deputy clerk shall collect a fee for this ceremony and deposit the fee in the county treasury for funding certain types of charitable organizations.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact on the state court system is anticipated.

This bill would apply to a marriage ceremony conducted on or after September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Comptroller, the local fiscal impact cannot be determined.

According to the Texas Association of Counties and Bexar County, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact.

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

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