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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1166 by Stephenson (Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code extending the limited liability of certain utilities to counties with a population of 550,000 or more that border a county with a population of four million or more.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

According to the Office of Court Administration, the bill would expand a source of civil immunity and may therefore decrease litigation of certain claims, but no significant fiscal impact to the state or local court system is anticipated.

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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