

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**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 Introduced**

**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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