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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1686 by Shaheen (Relating to the punishment for the offense of fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of a writing that is attached to tangible property.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the punishment for the offense of fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of certain kinds of writing attached to tangible property. Under the provisions of the bill, fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of writing attached to tangible property for sale would be a criminal offense.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

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