

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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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: HB1744** by Murr (Relating to requiring parties to a probate proceeding who request the assignment of a statutory probate court judge to pay certain costs associated with the assignment.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code related to probate proceedings. If a party to a probate proceeding files a motion for the assignment of a statutory probate court judge and it is granted, the party would be required to reimburse the county for the compensation and expenses paid by the county. The reimbursement would be equally apportioned if there are two or more parties.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill could have a positive revenue impact on counties if the reimbursement for the costs of the appointed judge is granted.

**Source Agencies:**

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