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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: HB1844 by Workman (Relating to choice of law and venue for certain construction contracts.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code to render voidable certain contract clauses that fix venue in another state or require the application of another state's law to conflicts arising out of the contract.

The Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Attorney General anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of

the Attorney General

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