

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 24, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1951 by Shaheen (Relating to firm names used by licensed attorneys.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to prohibit any attorney from using a name, letterhead, or other professional designation that is false, misleading, or deceptive. The bill would allow attorneys to practice under a trade name under certain circumstances. The bill would prohibit the Texas Supreme Court from making any rules to the contrary. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, PBO