

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2207 by Kuempel (Relating to procedures and fees for the deposit and safekeeping of wills.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Estates Code to address the procedures associated with the deposit of a will with a county clerk. The bill would amend section 252.001 to clarify the circumstances under which a will may be deposited when a testator cannot be found, and would make conforming changes to the Government Code and the Local Government Code to reflect these circumstances. The bill would also revise other sections of the Estates Code to clarify the court's obligations with respect to a deposited will. No significant fiscal impact to the state courts is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

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

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