

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 16, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2207** by Kuempel (Relating to procedures and fees for the deposit and safekeeping of wills; authorizing fees.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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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