

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB3956** by Geren (Relating to a privilege from disclosure to governmental units for certain evidence concerning sermons delivered by a religious leader.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would prohibit a governmental unit from requiring a religious leader to testify in any proceeding about a sermon he or she delivered. The bill also would prohibit a governmental unit from requiring that a religious leader provide a written copy or audio or video recording of a sermon.

**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

**LBB Staff:** UP, JGA, AG, JJ, JLE