

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1737** by Holland (relating to statutes of limitation and repose for certain claims involving the construction or repair of an improvement to real property or equipment attached to real property.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code by shortening the statute of limitations from 10 year to 7 years for a suit for certain claims against a licensed architect, engineer, interior designer, landscape architect, or person who constructs or repairs after the completion of an improvement or the beginning of operation of equipment. 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.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019, and would apply to all contracts for services that commence on or after that date, despite when the contract for services was signed.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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