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

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IN RE: **SB1975** by Zaffirini (Relating to probate and guardianship matters and proceedings and other matters involving probate courts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend several codes concerning the electronic transfer of case files for guardianship and probate cases, the recording of wills or testimony written in whole or partly in a language other than English, the elimination of a \$10 fee that a clerk may charge for fingerprinting proposed guardians, the requirement of guardianship training for all attorneys that represent a party in a guardianship proceeding, and the requirement of bonds or insurance issued to a judge of certain courts to cover any visiting judge assigned to a court. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing 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

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