

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

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
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**IN RE:** **SB1975** by Zaffirini (relating to probate and guardianship matters and proceedings and other matters involving probate courts.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**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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