

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joe Deshotel, Chair, House Committee on Land & Resource Management

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1877** by Gates (Relating to county and municipal regulation of repairs to vacant residential buildings.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit counties and municipalities from adopting regulations requiring an owner of a vacant residential building, when repairing damage to the building, to improve the building to a condition that is better than would have been legally acceptable before the damage occurred. The bill would also allow owners of vacant residential buildings to file suit against counties and municipalities related to the prohibition.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill's provisions could have an indeterminate fiscal impact to counties resulting from litigation over regulation of vacant residential buildings.

The fiscal implications of the bill to municipalities cannot be determined at this time.

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