

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 30, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

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

**IN RE: SB796** by Schwertner (Relating to hearing and public notice requirements regarding the purchase or conversion by a municipality of property to house homeless individuals.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to set out special hearing and notice requirements for the purchase or conversion of a property to house homeless individuals by the governing body of a municipality.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Municipal League, the bill's requirement that a municipality provide notice by certified mail to each residence located within a two-mile radius of the property the municipality propose to purchase would cause a significant but indeterminate negative impact to municipalities.

The City of Houston anticipates a significant negative fiscal impact, including additional costs involved with having to secure a venue that meets the two-mile radius requirement.

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