

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, libraries that participate in the Texas State Library System may purchase materials using system funds. The law requires the state to maintain title to any purchase of materials over \$300. There are concerns that the paperwork for processing titles for the state is overly costly and time consuming. This bill would raise the amount of purchase to which the state must maintain title from \$300 to \$1,000.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1386 sets forth provisions for title to materials and equipment in the state library system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 441.136(e), Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 441.136(e), Government Code, to require the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to include in its rules provisions necessary to ensure compliance with the standard financial management conditions developed under Chapter 783, Government Code, with regard to the purchasing of library materials and equipment, rather than provisions necessary to ensure that title to library materials and equipment that have a cost for each unit of less than \$300 and that are purchased with funds appropriated under this subchapter is held by the library for which the materials and equipment were purchased, and that title to materials and equipment that have a cost for each unit of \$300 or more is held by the Texas State Library.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.