

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, although the review and negotiation of a tax phase-in and other economic incentive tools requires a significant investment of a governmental entity's staff time, the Tax Code does not allow certain taxing entities to collect fees to help defray the costs of staff time used to process abatement applications, administer tax incentive programs, and monitor compliance with tax abatement agreements. As proposed, S.B. 1533 authorizes the governing body of a taxing unit to impose a fee not to exceed \$1000 accompanying a tax abatement application.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 312.002, Tax Code, by adding Subsection (e), to authorize the governing body of a taxing unit, in its guidelines, to impose a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$1000, in connection with an application or request for tax abatement under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.