BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires all state records to be transferred to the State Library and Archives Commission. Providing alternate sites for the governor's records on the condition that they meet all the archival and accessibility requisites imposed on the commission's facilities and being located within the state would decrease current limitations of the commission's staff and facilities. S.B. 1702 would allow the governor to choose a facility as a repository for the governor's state records in a manner that ensures accessibility by the state's citizens.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1702 outlines provisions regarding the archives of the governor's office.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 441.010, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), to require a book, picture, document, publication, or manuscript received through gift, purchase, or exchange or on deposit, from any source, for use of the state, except an item subject to control of the State Preservation Board, constitutes part of the state library and is required to be placed in the state library for use by the public except as provided by Subsection (f). Authorizes the governor to place the governor's archives in an institution of higher education or an alternate archival institution for use by the public with the advice of the Texas State Archives and Library Commission.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: upon passage.