

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the County Arts Expansion Program of the Texas Commission on the Arts expands opportunities for arts programs to all parts of the state and ensures that arts programs are being supported in every Texas county. The program requires a one-to-one match and up to 50 percent of the match for project assistance may be in-kind donations, which creates difficulty in smaller border counties in matching the project funds. S.B. 1613 would require the Texas Commission on the Arts to use private gifts and donations to promote the development of the arts in certain municipalities located near an international border.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1613 requires the Texas Commission on the Arts to use private gifts and donations to promote the development of the arts in certain municipalities located near an international border.

### **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 Chapter 444B, Government Code, by adding Section 444.031, as follows:

Sec. 444.031. BORDER ARTS INITIATIVE. Requires the Texas Commission on the Arts (commission) to develop a program under which the commission will use certain funds to provide various assistance to promote the development of the arts in municipalities with a population of 50,000 or less that are located wholly or partially within a county that is located on an international border.

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