1-1 By: Kuempel, Workman (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 1704 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017; May 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 12, 2017, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

1-6 1-7 Yea Nay Absent PNV 1-8 Huffman Х 1-9 Х Hughes 1-10 1-11 Birdwell Х Creighton Х 1-12 Estes Х Lucio 1-13 Х Nelson Х 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 Schwertner Х Zaffirini Х

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1-19 relating to the award of court costs and attorney's fees in actions to determine the applicability of certain local government 1-20 1-21 regulations.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 245.006, Local Government Code, is 1-24 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows: 1-25

(c) A court may award court costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees to the prevailing party in an action 1-26 under this chapter. SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-27

1-28 1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-30 1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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COMMITTEE VOTE