

State Bar of Texas
Courthouse Access Badge Task Force
Fiscal Impact Analysis - Draft
9/17/2018

To: Randy Sorrels, President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas
From: Tracy Jarratt, Finance Division Director
Re: Fiscal impact analysis on the Courthouse Access Badge Task Force.

Purpose and Deliverables

The purpose of the task force is to consider the development and implementation of a statewide courthouse security access badge for lawyers in Texas. The badge will allow lawyers to have expedited access to Texas Courthouses. The task force will study the issue and make recommendations to the State Bar Board of Directors regarding its findings.

Discussion

It is anticipated that the costs of the Courthouse Access Badge Task Force will be limited to travel reimbursement and other similar type expenditures relating to meetings (airfare, mileage, parking, etc.). The task force meetings will be conducted at the Texas Law Center, and via teleconference when possible. On-site visits of various courthouses or local government administrative offices may also be necessary. The costs will depend on the number of in-person meetings needed to complete the task force's work.

Considerations:

1. The task force is planned to consist of 16 members.
2. The members will be from across the state.
3. The task force may require 4-6 in-person meetings.
4. It is estimated that 50 hours of staff time required to help facilitate this task force, which will be accomplished by current staffing.
5. Task force members would visit courthouses in their area. Minimal expenses would be incurred.
6. Various other meetings and miscellaneous expenses may be required of this task force.
7. Based on an analysis of meeting expenses incurred by the State Bar's volunteer committees in FY2018, it was determined that it costs approximately \$200 per attendee per meeting on average.

Meeting Costs Estimate: 16 members x 5 meetings x \$200 per attendee = \$16,000
Additional \$4,000 added for other travel or miscellaneous expenses.

Fiscal Impact for FY2018-2019

Based on the aforementioned considerations, the fiscal impact of this task force is estimated to be \$20,000. The creation of this task force is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication to the State Bar's FY 2018-2019 general fund budget.

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