

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, artwork may be seized when it is en route to, from, or on exhibition with a museum. Allowing artwork to be seized by creditors due to certain disputes could jeopardize future exhibitions, and may be detrimental to both the museums and the local economy for money-making exhibitions. S.B. 668 would prevent the seizure of a work of fine art when en route to or from or in an exhibition.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 668 prevents the seizure of a work of fine art when en route to or from or in an exhibition.

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 61, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subchapter E, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. WORKS OF FINE ART

Sec. 61.081. EXEMPTION WHEN EN ROUTE TO OR FROM OR IN AN EXHIBITION. Prohibits a court from issuing and a person from serving any process of attachment, execution, sequestration, replevin, or distress, or of any kind of seizure, levy, or sale on a work of fine art while it is en route to or from an exhibition, or in the possession of the exhibitor or on display as part of the exhibition. Defines "exhibition."

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