

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB42** by Chisum (Relating to venue in the prosecution of the offenses of escape and unauthorized absence.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Costs to counties to implement the bill would depend upon the number of escape or unauthorized absences recorded, the county from which a defendant escaped, and the county in which a defendant is apprehended. Information from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Texas District and County Attorney's Association indicates that the number of escapes or authorized absences recorded ranges from ten to twenty per fiscal year. The cost to county courts to prosecuting the offenders would be insignificant.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department Of Criminal Justice

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