

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Will Hartnett, Chair, House Committee on Judicial Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB988** by Brown, Fred (Relating to the composition of the First and Fourteenth courts of appeals districts.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would remove Brazos County from the 1st and 14th Court of Appeals Districts, leaving Brazos County to be served by the 10th Court of Appeals District. The bill would not change the appellate jurisdiction of cases filed before the effective date of the bill. Costs to the 1st and 14th Court of Appeals Districts in transferring some cases filed after the effective date of the bill are not anticipated to be significant.

The bill would go into effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office Of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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