

**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: HB1421** by Jones, Jesse (Relating to the disqualification of a district judge in certain actions arising under the Election Code.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend Government Code, Chapter 24 to require the disqualification of a district judge in an action filed under the Election Code on any matter within the judge's judicial district. The bill would also prohibit another judge residing within the judicial district from assignment as a visiting judge to hear the action. To the extent that active, former, or retired visiting judges would be assigned to hear cases filed under the Election Code, the fiscal implication to state and local government is not anticipated to be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 242 State Commission on Judicial Conduct

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