

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1539** by Naishtat (Relating to associate judges for statutory probate courts.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

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

The bill would amend Government Code, Chapter 54 relating to associate judges for statutory probate courts. The bill would change the title of a judicial officer currently designated as a probate master to associate judge. The bill would remove a provision relating to parties providing written consent before a probate master may conduct a trial on the merits of the probate case. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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