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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.), **As Introduced**

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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