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TO: Honorable Joe Nixon, Chair, House Committee on Civil Practices

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1741 by Hartnett (Relating to the regulation of private process servers; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1741, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	\$119,497	(\$119,497)	1.5
2005	\$110,647	(\$110,647)	1.5
2006	\$59,557	(\$59,557)	1.5
2007	\$59,557	(\$59,557)	1.5
2008	\$59,557	(\$59,557)	1.5

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Licensing and Regulation to regulate civil process servers. New applicants would be required to submit to background checks.

Methodology

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) estimates a population of approximately 900 process server licensees and 2,500 registered agents. The agency would require \$16,633 and 0.5 Administrative Technician III FTE each year to license and register this additional population. The agency would need \$66,300 in fiscal years 2004-05, and \$15,210 each year thereafter for background

checks by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For resolution of an anticipated 70 complaints each year, the agency would require \$25,464, along with 0.25 Legal Assistant II FTE and 0.5 Accountant II FTE. The agency would require \$11,100 in fiscal year 2004 and \$2,250 each year thereafter for equipment and other operating expenses.

It is assumed the agency would adjust fees to offset any costs associated with the implementation of the bill.

Technology

The agency would require \$3,450 in fiscal year 2004 for computers and related equipment for the new FTEs.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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