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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2545 by Bonnen (Relating to the courts that may review a decision in a contested case under the Administrative Procedure Act.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code, Chapter 2001 relating to the courts that may review a decision in a contested case under the Administrative Procedure Act. Under current law, contested cases for state agency administrative actions are heard in Travis County district courts and may be appealed to the Third Court of Appeals. The bill would provide for such contested cases to be filed in the county where the petitioner resides or transacts business. The Office of the Attorney General, which has agency headquarters in Travis County, currently represents state agencies in such cases. To the extent the Office of the Attorney General would incur additional travel costs to represent the state in different district and appellate courts statewide, the fiscal implications are 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, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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