

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

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**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB2796** by Keel (Relating to the exercise of peremptory challenges based on race or gender.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the exercise of peremptory challenges based upon race or gender. The bill would allow both the state and the defendant to request that a judge dismiss an array of jurors. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003 and would apply only to voir dire examinations that commence on or after that date.

**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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