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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2937 by Phillips (Relating to the creation of the office of criminal district attorney of Grayson County and to the abolition of the office of county attorney of Grayson County.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the creation of the office of criminal district attorney of Grayson County and to the abolition of the office of county attorney of Grayson County. The state currently pays the salary of the county attorney in Grayson County, as that officeholder performs the duties of a district attorney under the Government Code. Because the bill would abolish the county attorney's office and would create the office of a criminal district attorney, the current salary would be transferred to the district attorney and there would be no additional cost to the state.

The bill would repeal Section 45.191 of the Government Code, which restricts Grayson County's county attorney and assistant county attorney from engaging in private practice of law, and it would abolish the office of the county attorney of Grayson County. This portion of the bill would take effect January 1, 2005.

The remainder of the bill would take effect January 1, 2004.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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