

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 8, 2003**

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

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

**IN RE: SB107** by Averitt (Relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of McLennan County.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB107, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$258,730) 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	(\$129,365)
2005	(\$129,365)
2006	(\$129,365)
2007	(\$129,365)
2008	(\$129,365)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	(\$129,365)	1.0
2005	(\$129,365)	1.0
2006	(\$129,365)	1.0
2007	(\$129,365)	1.0
2008	(\$129,365)	1.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Government Code, Chapter 24 to create a new judicial district, the 414th Judicial District, composed of McLennan County. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Methodology**

The salary of a district court judge is currently \$101,700 annually. Associated benefits for the position are estimated to be \$27,665 annually. Together salary and benefits for the district judge of the proposed court would be \$129,365 in fiscal year 2004 and each year thereafter. All other costs would be paid by the county.

## **Local Government Impact**

The McLennan County Auditor provided an estimate of local costs, which would include salaries and benefits for ancillary court personnel and other operating expenses. McLennan County would also incur a one-time capital set-up expenditure. The total cost to McLennan County for fiscal year 2004 is estimated at \$412,034. In fiscal year 2005, the cost is estimated at \$182,345. In fiscal year 2006, the cost is estimated at \$187,815. In fiscal year 2007, the cost is estimated at \$193,450. In fiscal year 2008, the cost is estimated at \$199,253.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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