

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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

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

**IN RE: SB328** by West (Relating to the filing of certain information by arbitrators after each arbitration.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to the filing of certain information by arbitrators after each arbitration. The bill would require arbitrators to file arbitration disclosures with the Office of Court Administration (OCA) within 30 days of the arbitration being signed. OCA must establish procedures and require a \$100 fee for the late filing of an arbitration disclosure, must compile a semi-annual list of arbitrators who are ineligible to arbitrate because of failure to timely file awards, and must establish procedures for removing an arbitrator from the ineligible list. According to OCA, to the extent the agency would incur additional costs to administer the provisions of the bill, the fiscal implication of such costs is not anticipated to be significant. Additionally, to the extent the state may realize possible revenue from the collection of fees for the late filing of arbitration disclosures, the fiscal implication of such revenue is not anticipated to be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 201 Supreme Court of Texas, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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