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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB518 by Duncan (Relating to the qualifications for service as a grand or petit juror and challenges for cause.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Article 35.16(a) of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to challenges for cause. The bill would also amend Article 19.08 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 62.102 of the Government Code, to disqualify persons from service as a grand jury and petit juror, respectively, if the person has been convicted of misdemeanor theft or under indictment or other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or a felony.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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