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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1011 by West (Relating to the questioning of prospective jurors during voir dire examination.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 35 relating to the questioning of prospective jurors during voir dire. The bill would provide that an attorney in a criminal case may not ask a question in voir dire that is designed to commit a juror to reaching a verdict based on particular facts. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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