

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: SJR3** by West (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant pardons to persons who have received deferred adjudication.), **As Engrossed**

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

**The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$475,584.**

The resolution would amend the Texas Constitution by authorizing the governor to grant pardons to persons who have received deferred adjudication.

The proposed constitutional amendment is to be submitted to the voters at an election held September 13, 2003. According to the Secretary of State, presenting one constitutional amendment on a ballot results in higher costs because economies of scales are lost. The estimated cost of \$475,584 would include \$314,062 for postage, \$50,872 for printing, \$110,500 for newspaper advertising, and \$150 for translation costs. According to the Secretary of State, these costs are similar to those experienced in November 2002 when one constitutional amendment was presented to voters.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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