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TO: Honorable Joe Crabb, Chair, House Committee on Redistricting

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1077 by Crabb (Relating to the composition of certain courts of appeals districts and to the assignment and transfer of cases in certain courts of appeals districts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 22 and 73 of the Government Code to change which counties compose the First, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth Court of Appeals Districts. The bill also provides instructions for trial clerks in certain counties regarding assigning civil and criminal cases to applicable courts of appeals, as well as instructions regarding imposition of fees and transfer of money collected related to the change in which appeals court the county is moved. In addition, the bill would set forth requirements for the Supreme Court of Texas when a case is transferred from one court of appeals to another. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

The Supreme Court of Texas indicates the bill would generate additional rule-making and administrative duties for the Court, but did not indicate that such costs would have a significant fiscal implication for the Court. Under the bill, the change in the composition of counties in a court of appeals district may result in costs or savings for more or fewer cases filed in each court. However, this estimate does not anticipate the fiscal implication to the state to be significant, due to the net effect of costs and savings.

Local Government Impact

The affected counties would experience no fiscal impact from being moved from one appeals district to another.

Source Agencies: 201 Supreme Court of Texas, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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