

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

**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.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 22 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 certain counties regarding the distribution of fees collected in cases filed after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

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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