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TO: Honorable Will Hartnett, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

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

IN RE: HB2913 by Luna (Relating to the jurisdiction of the district courts in Nueces County to receive guilty pleas in and dispose of certain misdemeanor cases.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 24 of the Government Code relating to the jurisdiction of the district courts in Nueces County to receive guilty pleas in and dispose of certain misdemeanor cases. The bill would allow the 28th, 105th, 148th, 214th, 319th, and 347th district courts in Nueces County to have concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is transferred to the district court. Under the bill, the judgment, order, or action of the district court would be valid and binding as if the case were pending in the district court. To the extent that the bill may result in more case dispositions in Nueces County district courts and fewer case dispositions in Nueces County courts at law, the fiscal implication to the State is not anticipated to be significant.

The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives the vote of two-thirds the members in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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