

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB451 by Wentworth (Relating to the qualifications for service as a grand or petit juror and challenges for cause.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would remove from consideration for grand or petit jury service a person who is under indictment for misdemeanor theft. The bill would also allow jury challenges for cause made against a person who is under indictment for misdemeanor theft. The bill also adds that a commissioner is not qualified to be selected for or to serve as a grand juror during the term of court for which he is serving as a commissioner.

The bill would also incorporate gender-neutral language in the aforementioned sections.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2005 and would apply only to qualifications for jury service for a person required to appear for jury service by a summons made on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

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

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