

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 4, 2005**

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

**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 Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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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 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.

**Source Agencies:**

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