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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: SB1373 by Madla (Relating to the terms of court of the 112th Judicial District.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 24 of the Government Code relating to the terms of court of the 112th Judicial District. The bill would replace four annual terms of court in Pecos County beginning in January, May, July, and November with two annual terms of court beginning in May and November. No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, because the bill would reduce the number of grand juries empanelled during the year from two to one, which would generate minimal savings to local government.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. The bill would generate minimal savings to local government by reducing the number of grand juries empanelled during the year from two to one, potentially reducing the amount of expenditures for delivery, interrogation of potential jurors, administration of oaths, and responses to challenges to the array or an individual juror.

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

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