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

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

IN RE: HB421 by Phillips (Relating to the creation of the office of criminal district attorney of Fannin County and to the abolition of the office of county attorney of Fannin County.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to create the position of Criminal District Attorney in Fannin County and abolish the position of County Attorney. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Under the Professional Prosecutor's Act (PPA), the State pays criminal district attorneys, and county attorneys performing the duties of district attorneys who serve in a district or county listed in Section 46.002 of the Government Code, an annual salary of \$125,000. Currently, Fannin County is one of the counties listed in Section 46.002, and its county attorney performs the duties of a district attorney. Since the proposed criminal district attorney would be paid the same salary as the current county attorney, there would be no additional cost to the State or to Fannin County.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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