

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 12, 2007**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2068** by Hartnett (Relating to trial by special judge in civil and family law cases.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

Under the bill a judge would be required to order referral of a civil or family law case pending in a district court, statutory probate court, or statutory county court to a special judge as agreed upon by the parties. Currently under statute the judge is authorized but not required to order a referral.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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