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

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

IN RE: SB1182 by Watson (Relating to the creation of a supreme court judicial system to support the operation of the Supreme Court of Texas.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1182, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from New Other - Supreme Court Judicial System
2008	\$217,000
2009	\$217,000
2010	\$217,000
2011	\$217,000
2012	\$217,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 22 of the Government Code to require the Comptroller to establish a Supreme Court Judicial System to assist in the processing of original proceedings or petitions and to defray other costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the court.

The bill would create the Supreme Court Judicial System Fund as a special fund to be managed by the Supreme Court. Under the bill, the court would set a civil suit filing fee not to exceed \$50 for suits filed in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Revenue from the filing fee would be remitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the fund and the chief justice of the Supreme Court would manage the fund for purposes described in the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Methodology

Data from the Office of Court Administration indicates that there were 4,343 paid civil filings for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. This estimate assumes the Supreme Court would set the bill's maximum civil suit filing fee at \$50, and the bill would generate \$217,000 per fiscal year.

The fund, account, or revenue dedication (Supreme Court Judicial System Fund) included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

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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