

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

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

**IN RE: SB1556** by Hinojosa (Relating to the appointment of regional presiding judges by the chief justice of the supreme court.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the appointment of regional presiding judges. The bill would provide that the chief justice of the Supreme Court, rather than the Governor, may appoint a presiding judge of one of the nine administrative judicial regions. To the extent the bill would change who may appoint a presiding judge, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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