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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB1861 by Eiland (Relating to the rulemaking authority of the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to extend the statute of limitations and certain other legal deadlines in a county in which a disaster has occurred.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the rulemaking authority of the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to extend the statute of limitations and certain other legal deadlines in a county in which a disaster has occurred. The bill would give rulemaking authority to the state's highest level civil and criminal courts to extend the statutes of limitations and certain other legal deadlines in a county in which a disaster has occurred. To the extent the bill would change the statute of limitations and legal deadlines in certain counties, the rules change is not anticipated to increase the workload of the courts.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote from both houses. If the bill does not receive the necessary two-thirds votes, it would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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