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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: HB2234 by Keffer (Relating to the eligibility of certain judges to take the bar examination.),
As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the eligibility of certain judges to take the bar examination. The bill would allow non-lawyer constitutional county judges who have a baccalaureate degree to sit for the Texas Bar exam without going to law school after six consecutive years of service as a constitutional county judge. The bill would allow non-lawyer county judges who do not have a baccalaureate degree to sit for the Texas bar exam without going to law school after eight consecutive years of service as a constitutional county judge. The bill is not expected to affect the workload of the courts and no fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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