

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 15, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB4068 by Gonzales (Relating to the conduct of judicial proceedings and transaction of other essential judicial functions in the event of a disaster.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the conduct of judicial proceedings and transaction of essential judicial functions in the event of a disaster. The bill would authorize certain actions as defined by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court, Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or the Court of Criminal Appeals in the event of a disaster. The Office of Court Administration anticipates any additional work for the courts resulting from passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources. The bill 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

LBB Staff: JOB, TB, MN, JP