

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**February 20, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: SB445** by Wentworth (Relating to juror questions and juror note-taking during civil trials.),  
**As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to juror questions and juror note-taking during civil trials. The bill would require the Supreme Court to adopt rules regarding submission of written questions and note-taking by jurors. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures, the rules changes are not anticipated to increase the workload of the courts. 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

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