

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Jim Jackson, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB720** by Hartnett (relating to the designation of a person as a vexatious litigant. ),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to permit explicitly a person who has been found to be a vexatious litigant subject to a prefiling order to file an appeal or writ of mandamus with the court of appeals within 30 days of the decision. The bill would require a clerk to provide the Office of Court Administration (OCA) with copies of prefiling orders within 30 days of the order being signed. Persons found to be vexatious litigants could request that OCA post the person is appealing that designation. To the extent the bill would increase filings in the courts of appeals or require clerks to forward copies of certain orders within 30 days; no significant increase is anticipated to the workloads of the appellate courts statewide. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**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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