

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 6, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB901** by Thompson (Relating to spousal maintenance.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend sections of the Texas Family Code relating to spousal maintenance. The proposed amendments address a variety of issues including, but not limited to the following: eligibility, duration, termination, enforcement, and overpayment. The bill would increase the maximum maintenance amount from \$2,500 to \$5,000. To the extent the bill would result in an increase in court filings, no significant fiscal implication from an increase in judicial workloads or to the state is anticipated. 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, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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