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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: HB1633 by Bonnen (Relating to a person's ability to read and write in English as a qualification for service as a petit juror.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Government Code to make the inability to read and write English a disqualification from serving on a jury. Currently, the inability to read and write (as opposed to the inability to read and write English) is a disqualification. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures, no significant increase to the workload of the courts, or fiscal implication 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.

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