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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: HB3121 by Thompson (Relating to objections to a judge assigned to a trial court.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to allow a party in criminal case to object to a defeated judge or justice assigned to hear the case. A defeated judge or justice would be defined as one who was defeated in the last primary or general election for which the judge was a candidate for the judicial office held by the judge or justice. To the extent the provision may result in delays in certain cases, no significant impact on judicial workloads 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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