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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: HB3796** by Gallego (Relating to the composition of certain judicial districts.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the composition of certain judicial districts. The 63rd Judicial District and the 83rd Judicial District currently overlap Terrell and Val Verde counties with the 63rd also having Edwards & Kinney counties and the 83rd also having Pecos County. Both districts are contiguous to Edwards County. The bill would remove Edwards County from the 63rd Judicial District and incorporate it within the 83rd Judicial District. There were no civil cases filed or disposed of in Edwards County in 2010 with 33 criminal cases filed and resolved. The reduction/increase in workload for either court is negligible. There may be some travel considerations; however, any increase or decrease in travel could be accommodated between the courts by local agreement to balance dockets in Val Verde and Terrell counties, which both courts would continue to share. Accordingly, no significant fiscal impact 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, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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