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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB577** by Guillen (Relating to the representation of certain applicants for writs of habeas corpus in cases involving the death penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would clarify that public defenders may be appointed to handle writs of habeas corpus applications except those involving the death penalty. Appointment in such cases is already discretionary and this change should not result in any additional attorney appointments.

The Office of Court Administration anticipates that any additional work resulting from the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 215 Office of Capital Writs

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