

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 12, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB811** by Cook (Relating to the disposition of fines for traffic violations collected by certain municipalities and counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB811, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$256,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact<br>to General Revenue Related Funds |
|-------------|---|
| 2014        | (\$128,000)   |
| 2015        | (\$128,000)   |
| 2016        | (\$128,000)   |
| 2017        | (\$128,000)   |
| 2018        | (\$128,000)   |

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

| Fiscal Year | Probable Revenue (Loss) from<br><i>General Revenue Fund</i><br>1 | Probable Revenue Gain from<br><i>Counties</i> |
|-------------|--|---|
| 2014        | (\$128,000)  | \$128,000                                     |
| 2015        | (\$128,000)  | \$128,000                                     |
| 2016        | (\$128,000)  | \$128,000                                     |
| 2017        | (\$128,000)  | \$128,000                                     |
| 2018        | (\$128,000)  | \$128,000                                     |

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would repeal parts of Chapter 542.402 of the Transportation Code (penalties and costs of court) which would authorize counties with a population of less than 5,000 to use all of the fines collected for a violation of a highway law without having to remit any portion to the Comptroller.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

## **Methodology**

The revenue estimates for Revenue Code 3055, the excess fines-speed violations, from the *2014-215 Biennial Revenue Estimate* were used to produce the fiscal impact estimates presented in the table.

## **Local Government Impact**

Counties with a population of less than 5,000 would experience a gain of traffic violation fee revenue displayed in the above table.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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