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TO: Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2772** by Rodriguez, Justin (Relating to an interim study regarding the method by which district judges and appellate justices and judges are selected.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would establish a joint interim committee to study and report on state judicial selection methods. The bill specifies that the committee consists of six senators and six representatives, and charges the Texas Legislative Council with providing support to the committee, including research, drafting, and analysis. The bill specifies that senate and house contingent expense funds shall reimburse committee member expenses. The bill requires that the committee report their findings no later than January 6, 2015, and specifies that the committee is abolished January 12, 2015.

It is not anticipated that the bill will result in any significant fiscal impact to the court system. It is expected that the Texas Legislative Council could absorb any additional workload resulting from the bill within existing resources and that the bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact. It is not anticipated that the bill will result in a significant fiscal impact to either the senate or the house.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas
Judicial Council

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