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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB270 by Seliger (Relating to a limited exception to the prohibition on releasing personal information about a juror collected during the jury selection process in certain cases.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 35.29 to allow defense counsel to disclose certain personal juror information to successor defense counsel representing the same defendant in a writ of habeas corpus capital punishment case without an application to the court or a showing of good cause. The bill would also amend provisions relating to the disclosure of personal juror information under certain limited circumstances. The change in law would apply only to a jury selected on or after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

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