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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB390 by West (Relating to the effective date of a new court cost or fee or of an amendment to the amount of a court cost or fee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code, Chapter 51 to repeal 51.607(d), which provides exemptions to a standard effective date for new or amended court costs. This change would make January 1 of the year following the effective date of bill the standard effective date for new or amended court costs. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) indicates it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within its current resources. The Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) does not anticipate a revenue gain to the state as a result of the bill.

Local Government Impact

CPA surveyed the counties of Dallas, Tom Green, and Angelina and the cities of Dallas, Pecos and Canyon with regards to the fiscal impact of the bill. All local governments surveyed except for the city of Dallas reported no anticipated fiscal impact. The city of Dallas expects a one-time technology cost of \$10,000 to reprogram computers, but these costs would not have a significant impact on Dallas's budget.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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