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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB576 by Duncan (Relating to the abolishment of the small claims courts.), As
Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the provisions enacted by House Bill 79, Eighty-second Legislature, First Called Session, relating to the abolishment of small claims courts. The bill would change the date the Supreme Court must promulgate rules of civil procedure for small claims cases and the date small claims courts under Chapter 28, Government Code are abolished from May 1, 2013, to August 31, 2013.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds in both houses. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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