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

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

**IN RE:** SB977 by West (Relating to the procedure used to petition for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to specify that a person who petitions the court for an order of nondisclosure may do so in person, electronically, or by mail. The bill would require the Office of Court Administration to prescribe and make available on its website a form for the electronic filing of such a petition, and requires counties or district clerk's offices with Internet websites to link to that form. The bill specifies the circumstances in which a court shall hold a hearing before determining whether to issue the order of nondisclosure. The change in law would apply only a person who petitions the court for an order of nondisclosure on or after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate that the bill will result in a significant fiscal impact to the agency or upon the statewide court system. It is not anticipated that the bill will result in any significant fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304  
Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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