

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 23, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB25** by Sheets (Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.),  
**As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Election Code to eliminate straight party voting for judicial offices. The bill also would modify the ballot order and would create a new category of "Judicial Offices" which groups all judicial candidates together on the ballot.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary of State

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