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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB480 by Bell (Relating to retaining a reserve investigator by a prosecuting attorney.),
As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to allow the commissioners court to authorize a prosecuting attorney to retain reserve investigators who can accept other employment or compensation that does not impair the reserve investigator's independence in the performance of the investigator's duties for the prosecuting attorney. Under the provisions of the bill, the commissioners court may also limit the number of reserve investigators a prosecuting attorney may appoint. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

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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