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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB638 by Anchia (Relating to annuity payments to surviving spouses and designated beneficiaries of persons wrongfully imprisoned.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies code to provide several annuity payment options that persons entitled to compensation could choose from that would be payable throughout the life of the claimant in a reduced amount. These options would provide a continued annuity payable after the claimant's death to a spouse or designated beneficiary. Claimants would be required to choose one of these options within 45 days of filing the original claim for compensation with the comptroller. In addition, the bill would provide that annuity payments to a claimant's spouse or beneficiary would terminate if that person were convicted of a felony after the date payments were first received.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and Comptroller of Public Accounts, 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, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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