

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE:** **HB1346** by Alonzo (relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a court to appoint counsel to represent an applicant for habeas corpus relief when the state agrees to relief on the grounds that the defendant is not guilty, guilty of a lesser offense, or the law under which the person was convicted has been found unconstitutional by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals or the United States Supreme Court. 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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