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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: HB1922 by Naishtat (Relating to a court administrator hired by a statutory probate court.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to authorize a judge of a statutory probate court to hire a court administrator, rather than an administrative assistant. In addition it would amend sections providing statutory probate courts in Harris County and Travis County to replace administrative assistants with court administrators. The bill would provide that a person currently serving as an administrative assistant in a statutory probate court would continue service in the court as court administrator, unless removed as provided by law. 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

The bill would allow the creation of a Court Administrator position for the statutory probate courts.

Travis County, El Paso, and Harris County reported no significant fiscal implication is anticipated. Bexar County reported a total cost of \$122,173, including benefits, in fiscal year 2015. Denton County reported a total cost of \$35,000 for salary and benefits annually.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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