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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: HB2088 by Rodriguez, Justin (Relating to an interim study regarding the method by which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would establish a joint interim committee on judicial selection to study and review the method by which certain trial and appellate judges and justices are selected for office. The bill would require the committee to be composed of six senators and six members of the House of Representatives as defined in the bill and would require the Texas Legislative Council (TLC) to provide legal and policy research, bill drafting, and statistical analysis services to the committee. The bill specifies that Senate and House contingent expense funds would reimburse committee member expenses. The bill would require the committee to report its findings and recommendations, including specific constitutional and statutory changes, no later than January 6, 2017 and would abolish the committee on January 12, 2017.

Based on information provided by TLC and the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources. Implementing the provisions of the bill is not expected to result in a significant fiscal impact to either the Senate or the House of Representatives.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas
Judicial Council

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