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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2150 by Alvarado (Relating to the organization of a grand jury and qualifications for service as a grand juror.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to expand the number of grand jury alternatives from two to four and would expand the list of causes for which a challenge to a particular grand juror may be made orally. In addition, the bill requires jurors that determine they could be subject to a valid challenge for cause to recuse themselves from grand jury service until the cause no longer exists. A juror that knowingly fails to recuse themselves may be held in contempt of 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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