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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2794 by Farney (Relating to a delayed birth certificate; creating a criminal offense.),
As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 192 of the Health and Safety Code as it relates to delayed birth certificates that are not accepted by the state registrar and would amend the process for court orders for an individual seeking to establish a record of birth. The bill would amend the Government Code to remove the jurisdiction over these cases from probate court. The Office of Court Administration indicates that implementation of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state court system.

Local Government Impact

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed with existing resources. Revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

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

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