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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: HB4199 by Paddie (Relating to the Harrison County Court at Law.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

The bill would amend the Government Code to modify the jurisdiction of a county court in Harrison County to include felony cases other than capital murder and civil cases, as assigned by a district judge. The bill specifies the criminal district attorney, who is assigned a case, would be entitled to the same fees prescribed by law for prosecutions in a district court. The bill would require a jury to be composed of 12 members in a civil case if the amount in controversy exceeds \$200,000 and in any felony case.

The Office of Court Administration reported no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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

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