

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 8, 2015**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB1457** by Nichols (Relating to bad faith claims of patent infringement; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code and the Penal Code to authorize the Office of the Attorney General to bring legal action against a person who has made certain bad faith claims of patent infringement. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing the bill provision. It is assumed these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General

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