

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

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

**April 14, 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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce 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 provisions. It is assumed there 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

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, EP, TBo