

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

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**TO:** Honorable Eddie Lucio Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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

**IN RE:** SB1855 by Lucio (Relating to appeals regarding dangerous dogs.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require an animal control authority to notify an owner in writing of the determination that a dog is dangerous. The bill would permit an owner to appeal the decision to a justice, county or municipal court and is entitled to a jury trial on request. The bill would amend the procedures for conducting a trial to require a court to determine the costs to house an impounded dog during the appeal process and set a bond to cover the costs. The bill would permit a party to appeal the determination of a municipal or justice court to a county court or a county court at law.

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

**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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