

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 22, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE:** SB2068 by Eltife (Relating to the Harrison County Court at Law.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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

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. Under the provisions of the bill, a 12 person jury would be provided, regardless of the request of a party, for civil cases in which the amount in controversy is \$200,000 or more and for felony cases.

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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