

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

**May 15, 2015**

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

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

**IN RE: SJR8** by Zaffirini (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated**, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$118,681.

The joint resolution would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to require state courts to provide notice of constitutional challenges of state statutes to the Office of the Attorney General and prescribe a waiting period before state courts may issue a judgment on the statutes constitutionality. The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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