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

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

**IN RE: HB45** by Flynn (Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to provide that a ruling of a court, arbitrator, or administrative adjudicator may not be based on a law of a jurisdiction outside of the United States if the application of the law would violate a right guaranteed by the United States or Texas Constitution and would render void any contract clause requiring the use of foreign law or a foreign forum and would prohibit removal of any action filed in Texas by a Texas resident if the resulting application of law would violate a right guaranteed by the United States or Texas Constitution. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**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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