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TO: Honorable Sarah Davis, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB500** by Geren (relating to the effect of certain felony convictions of public elected officers.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and Government Code relating to the effect of certain felony convictions of public elected officers. The bill would make ineligible for retirement benefits applicable public officers convicted of a qualifying felony.

The Employees Retirement System indicates costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The proposed changes would have no impact on the Employees Retirement System projected August 31, 2017 actuarial valuation results.

The bill would take immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote from each House, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. Otherwise the bill takes effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS), the bill provides TCERS members who are elected officials and who are convicted of a "qualifying felony" committed while in office would be ineligible for a retirement annuity from TCERS.

This analysis assumes the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Texas County and District Retirement System and any administrative costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System

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