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TO: Honorable Phil King, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2003 by Swanson (Relating to the carrying of concealed or holstered handguns in a courthouse by certain court clerks licensed to carry a handgun.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to establish a defense to prosecution of unlawful possession of a handgun at a courthouse. The bill would provide a defense for any county clerk, deputy county clerk, district clerk, or deputy district clerk who is licensed to carry a handgun and who possessed or carried the handgun in a concealed manner or in a holster. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Department of Public Safety, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using 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, 405
Department of Public Safety

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