

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB500 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the effect of certain felony convictions of public elected officers.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code and Code of Criminal Procedure 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 effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote from each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. Otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS), the bill provides that 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: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 327 Employees Retirement System

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