## LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

## FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

## **April 13, 2019**

**TO**: Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director

Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB479** by Dutton (Relating to asset forfeiture proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.), **As Introduced** 

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to make final conviction a necessary element of forfeiture. The bill would also require a judge to dismiss forfeiture proceedings on proof of dismissal or acquittal of the underlying offense. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and of the Department of Public Safety, 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, 405

Department of Public Safety

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