

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 16, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB556** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the issuance of a protective order by default.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Family Code to require that, before a court may issue a protective order by default due to a respondent's failure to appear in court, proof of service on the respondent must have been filed at least 48 hours before the hearing. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

**LBB Staff:** WP, LBO, DA