

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 28, 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: HB2388 by Landgraf (Relating to the punishment for certain conduct constituting the offense of disorderly conduct.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to increase the penalty class for certain disorderly conduct offenses. The bill would increase these offenses to Class B misdemeanors.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), while the bill would move offenses from the justice and municipal courts to the county courts, the volume from these offenses is anticipated to be low and absorbed with existing resources. Therefore, no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

According to OCA, no significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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

LBB Staff: WP, LBO, SD, GP