

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

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

**May 16, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB3040** by Hunter (Relating to an interim study by the Texas Commission on Judicial Selection regarding the method by which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.),  
**As Engrossed**

<b>Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b> for HB3040, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$373,190) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.
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**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2020	(\$188,841)
2021	(\$184,349)
2022	\$0
2023	\$0
2024	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019</b>
2020	(\$188,841)	2.0
2021	(\$184,349)	2.0
2022	\$0	0.0
2023	\$0	0.0
2024	\$0	0.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would create the Texas Commission on Judicial Selection to study and review the method by which statutory county court judges (including statutory probate court judges), district judges, and appellate justices and judges are selected for office in Texas. The Commission would consist of 15 members. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) would provide administrative support to the Commission.

## **Methodology**

OCA estimates the need for a researcher and a data analyst (judicial information specialist) to write reports, coordinate meetings, analyze data and provide other resources and support. This analysis does not account for any reimbursement of travel expenses requested by the commission members.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 103 Legislative Council, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas  
Judicial Council

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