LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 24, 2019

TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4736 by Israel (Relating to the annual salary paid to judges of county courts at law in Travis County.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require a Travis County court at law judge to receive longevity pay from the county if the judge has completed four years of service as an active judge and provides that the longevity pay would be equal to the greater of the amount of longevity pay paid to a Travis County district judge with comparable years of service or paid to a Travis County employee with comparable years of service.

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 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, or September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

According to the Office of Court Administration, the bill may result in increased costs for Travis County due to longevity payments made to county court at law judges.

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

LBB Staff: WP, AF, DA