

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

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

**April 14, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HJR63** by Pacheco (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of time a person must have been a practicing lawyer or judge to be eligible to serve as a district court judge.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated**, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$177,289.

The resolution would propose an amendment to the Texas Constitution to raise the minimum number of years a person must have been a practicing lawyer or judge to be eligible to serve as a district court judge from four to six years.

The constitutional amendment would take effect January 1, 2020, and would apply only to a person elected on or after that date to serve as a judge if the amendment is approved by voters in an election held November 5, 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

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