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

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IN RE: **SB1728** by Huffman (Relating to an interim study regarding the method by which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would create a joint interim committee, comprised of certain members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to study and review the method by which statutory county court judges, district judges, and appellate justices and judges are selected for office. The bill would require the committee to provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and the governor no later than December 31, 2020.

The committee would be abolished on January 17, 2021.

Contingent expense funds of the senate and house of representatives would be utilized equally to reimburse members of the joint committee for expenses incurred for carrying out the provisions of this act.

The Texas Legislative Council would provide legal and policy research, bill drafting, and statistical analysis services to the committee.

It is assumed that implementing the provision of this bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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