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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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IN RE: **SJR32** by Birdwell (proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No 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 bill proposes amending the Texas Constitution to provide that on the retirement of a dog owned and used for law enforcement purposes, a state agency or local governmental entity may transfer ownership of the dog to the dog's handler at no cost to the handler. The bill provides that the amendment will be placed on the November 5, 2019 general election ballot, and provides ballot language.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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