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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1217 by Perez (Relating to the establishment of a constable's department civil service system in certain counties; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize certain counties to create a civil service system for employees of the county constable's department and to create a criminal offense for failure to appear as required by a subpoena issued by the chair of a civil service commission.

This analysis assumes that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources and that the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources.

Local Government Impact

An offense under the provisions of the bill would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, confinement in county jail for not more than 30 days or both. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

No other significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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