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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1930 by Walle (relating to landlord and tenant dispute information reported by justice courts to the Texas Judicial Council and made accessible to the public.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1930, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$300,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$300,000)
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>
2022	(\$300,000)
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require justice courts, as a component of the official monthly reported submitted to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), to report by category each case filed involving landlord/tenant disputes under certain Property Code provisions.

The bill would require OCA to make certain information related to landlord and tenant disputes available on a website in a format that is searchable by date and jurisdiction.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

Methodology

Based on information provided by OCA, this analysis assumes a one-time cost of \$300,000 would be necessary to develop the technology to maintain and publish in the required manner the statistical information required by the bill. It is also assumed that OCA would provide ongoing support for the new system with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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