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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 Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and made accessible to the public.),
As Introduced

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1930, As Introduced : 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</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 establish and maintain an electronic database that contains information filed in justice courts related to landlord/tenant disputes, which must contain certain case information. The bill would require OCA to make this information available in an electronic spreadsheet format easily downloadable

from OCA's website in a way searchable by date and jurisdiction. The bill would also require OCA to prescribe the categories of suits required for report and establish the landlord/tenant dispute database as soon as practicable.

Methodology

Based on information provided by OCA, this analysis assumes a one-time cost of \$300,000 would be necessary to develop a system to accept and maintain 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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