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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB4344** by Jetton (relating to the dismissal of a complaint filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to dismiss a complaint on the first Monday after 455 days from the date the complaint was received by the Commission, unless the Commission has commenced an informal hearing or initiation formal proceedings related to a complaint. In addition, the bill would allow the executive director to recommend and a chairperson to approve an extension of up to 120 days for complaint disposition due to extenuating circumstances.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021 and apply only to a complaint filed with SCJC on or after the effective date.

Based on information provided by the SCJC, this analysis assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 242 Comm On Judicial Conduct

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