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TO: Honorable Jim Jackson, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2372 by Hartnett (Relating to the recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge and subsequent assignment of another judge.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to designate the presiding judge of the statutory probate courts as the judge to handle the assignment of judges to hear motions for recusals, disqualifications and assignments of statutory probate judges rather than the judge of the administrative judicial region. The bill also promulgates procedures to handle the reassigned responsibilities. To the extent the bill would result in a change in which judge handles assignments, including assignments of visiting judges in statutory probate courts, no significant impact to judicial workloads or significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

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

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