

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1893** by Birdwell (Relating to the administrative judicial regions in this state.), As  
**Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code realigning the counties in the administrative judicial regions. Current law establishes nine regions, the bill would establish eleven regions. The bill would also require the Texas Judicial Council to collect information from each administrative judicial region regarding any business transacted by a presiding judge on a monthly basis.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) no significant fiscal impact is anticipated to the state court system.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the OCA, counties are likely to see a slight increase in costs due to the realignment. The counties providing facilities for the additional regions could see an increase in costs. The cost will vary by county, but it is not anticipated to be significant.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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