COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4839-01 **Type**: Original

Subject: Liability; Civil Procedure; Judges; Juries

Bill Summary: This proposal provides that defendants in tort actions shall only be held

severally liable and not jointly.

State Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials at the **Office of the Attorney General (AGO)** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in cases.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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