## SENATE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs

TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Thursday, February 18, 2016

PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)

CHAIR: Senator Joan Huffman

The Senate Committee on State Affairs will meet to take up and consider the following interim charge:

Examine the need to adjust Texas judicial salaries to attract, maintain, and support a qualified judiciary capable of meeting the current and future needs of Texas and its citizens. Study and recommend whether Texas should delink legislators' standard service retirement annuities from district judge salaries. Examine the effect of eliminating straight-party voting for candidates for judicial office and make recommendations to ensure candidates are given individual consideration by voters.

Public testimony will be limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the Committee Clerk.