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TO: Honorable Bill Ratliff, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB736 by Denny (Relating to use of the internal mail system of a governmental agency to deliver political advertising; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 255 of the Election code by adding a section that would create a criminal penalty for using the internal mail system of a governmental agency to deliver political advertising. The Secretary of State and Ethics Commission indicate that implementation of the bill would not have a fiscal impact to their operations.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 356 Texas Ethics Commission LBB Staff: JK, RR, GO, MS, CJ