

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 19, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Mary Denny, Chair, House Committee on Elections

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1943** by Howard (Relating to the payment of postage on voter registration applications.),  
**As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1943, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$346,000 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2004	\$200,000
2005	\$146,000
2006	\$200,000
2007	\$146,000
2008	\$200,000

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
2004	\$200,000
2005	\$146,000
2006	\$200,000
2007	\$146,000
2008	\$200,000

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill removes the business reply requirement on the official voter registration application, and would require voters to pay for their own U.S. postage if they choose to mail in the voter registration card.

**Methodology**

Based on actual numbers from past fiscal years, the Secretary of State estimates \$346,000 would be spent a biennium on postage via the business reply account for voters who choose to register by mail.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary Of State

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