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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2032 by Hochberg (Relating to the confidentiality of e-mail addresses under the public information law.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends Section 552.137 of the Government Code relating to the confidentiality of an e-mail address. An e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating electronically with a government body is confidential and not subject to disclosure unless the email address (1) is provided to a governmental body by a person who has a contractual relationship with the governmental body or by the contractor's agent; (2) is provided to a governmental body by a vendor who seeks to contract with the governmental body or by the vendor's agent; (3) contained in a response to a request for bids, proposals, soliciting offers or provided to the governmental body in negotiations; or (4) provided to the governmental body in letterheads, coversheet, printed document, or other document made available to the public.

The bill takes effect on September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 303 Building and Procurement Commission, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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