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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3128 by Truitt (Relating to write-in voting for the offices of county chair and precinct chair.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to extend the applicability of existing statute regarding write-in voting for the office of precinct chair to the office of county chair as well. The bill would also remove authorization for write-in votes for precinct chair if no candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot or on the list of write-in candidates. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

A county may experience a slight savings if there are no write-in votes to count in those circumstances when there is no candidate for the office of precinct chair on the ballot or on the list of write-in candidates.

Local Government Impact

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

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