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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SJR39 by Ellis, Rodney (Proposing a constitutional amendment to clarify the circumstances in which the governor and legislature may take certain actions to ensure the continuity of state and local government in the event of an enemy attack or threat of enemy attack and authorizing the legislature to meet by telecommunications in that event.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$85,275.

The bill would amend Article III of the Texas Constitution to state that the Governor may authorize the Legislature to hold its sessions by telecommunications so that the members are not required to assemble in one place to conduct business in the event of an enemy attack or threat of enemy attack.

This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.

Local Government Impact

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

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