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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB340 by Seaman (Relating to the authority of a navigation district to establish a volunteer police reserve force and to the state law enforcement authority of certain federal peace officers.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to authorize the navigation and canal commission of a navigation district that has established a police force to establish a volunteer police reserve force. Reserve officers may be, but would not be required to be, a licensed peace officer. Members of the reserve police force would not be considered employees of the district and would serve without pay, benefits, or participation in a pension plan. Reserve officers would not be exempt from requirements of the Private Security Act.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in both houses; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

A navigation district would experience minimal administrative costs.

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

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