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

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

IN RE: HB1143 by Gattis (Relating to the submission of separate proposals at a bond election for each project to be supported by the bonds.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that elections held by a political subdivision to approve the issuance of bonds must list on the ballot as a separate proposition each project included in the purpose or purposes for which the bonds are to be issued. The bill would authorize the submission of multiple purposes for which a maintenance tax would be imposed as a single proposition. The bill would go into effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to a bond election ordered on or after that date.

Under current statute, each project included in the purpose or purposes for which bonds are issued may be included in a single proposition on the ballot. Current statute does not address whether maintenance tax proposals require a single or separate propositions for each purpose.

Local Government Impact

If presenting separate propositions increases the length of a paper ballot to require additional pages, the local government entity would incur additional printing costs that are not expected to be significant; otherwise, no fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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