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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: HB1636 by Allen, Ray (Relating to residency in relation to a license or permit or certain hunting and catching restrictions of the Parks and Wildlife Department; providing a penalty.),
As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 1 of the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to residency for the purpose of obtaining a license or permit issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The bill would authorize the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to set rules regarding proof of residency and the use of remotely controlled devices used to hunt. Rules regulating the use of remotely controlled devices must treat classes of person in a substantially similar manner. A violation of rules to prohibit the use of remotely controlled devices to hunt would be a Class A Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor. The bill provisions relating to the use of remotely controlled devices would be void if House Bill 391 or similar legislation becomes law. To the extent the bill would generate costs for new rules administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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