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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2309 by Denny (Relating to certain election processes and procedures.), **Conference Committee Report**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Election Code to change certain election processes and procedures. It would require the Secretary of State to prescribe procedures to implement the added requirement for tabulations in a local canvass. It is anticipated that any costs to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed by existing resources.

Local Government Impact

There could be additional costs to election offices to implement the privacy requirements of Section 1.13 of the bill, but these costs are not expected to be significant.

There could be additional costs to municipalities to implement the early voting provisions of Section 1.17 of the bill. These costs are not expected to be significant.

Section 1.26 of the bill would amend Section 6(b), Chapter 1137, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, to provide that each director of the Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority (LCMUA) is elected at large to one of five numbered places by the qualified voters residing within the boundaries of LCMUA. These costs are not expected to be significant.

Section 1.26 of the bill would also repeal Chapter 312, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, which is the Chapter that created the Lake Dallas Municipal Utility Authority. It is expected that this would be financially feasible.

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