

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB2404** by Keel (Relating to the creation of the position of county elections administrator.),  
**As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Election Code to require a county with a population of 250,000 or more to create the position of county elections administrator for the county. A commissioners court of a county with a population of 250,000 or more would be prohibited from abolishing the position of county elections administrator and from transferring the elections administrator duties to the county tax assessor-collector. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Under current statute, it is optional for all county commissioners courts to create a county elections administrator position, to abolish the position, and to transfer those duties to the tax assessor-collector.

**Local Government Impact**

If a county with a population of 250,000 or more does not currently have a county elections administrator, creation of that position would result in incurring the costs of salary, benefits, office space, and capital outlay. Transferring duties from the tax assessor-collector's office to the county elections administrator's office would create an administrative savings in the tax assessor-collector's office. Overall, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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