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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB3315 by Brown, Betty (Relating to state compensation for certain primary election expenses.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3315, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$285,928) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$285,928)
2007	\$0
2008	(\$285,928)
2009	\$0
2010	(\$285,928)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	(\$285,928)
2007	\$0
2008	(\$285,928)
2009	\$0
2010	(\$285,928)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Election Code to require the Secretary of State, if state funds are available, to reimburse a political party for office space expenses incurred for the administration of a primary election regardless of whether the political party maintains regular office space or leases office space only for a primary election.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that 54 additional counties will be reimbursed for office space rental for primary election administration. The estimate is based the cost of office space rental reimbursements to 134 counties in fiscal year 2002 for primary election administration (\$397,262) less the cost of

reimbursements to counties without regular office space leases in fiscal year 2004 for primary election administration (\$111,334).

Local Government Impact

Local election offices would be reimbursed for their primary election costs only if the funds are available, and only if the office applies for, is awarded, and accepts reimbursement. Reimbursement amounts would depend on the availability of the funds.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 307 Secretary of State

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