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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3298 by Callegari (Relating to exempting municipalities and special districts from certain unfunded state mandates.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would exempt cities and special districts, as defined Local Government Code 43.052, from using certain voting stations if there is not a federal office appearing on the ballot, unless the city or special district receives reimbursements to cover the cost of the election. For the purpose of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the state would not reimburse election costs that do not have a federal office on the ballot.

The bill would be effective September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

The provisions of the bill would create some cost savings to local governments, depending on the number of voting machines owned and the number of elections held in any given fiscal year.

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