

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

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

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

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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Section 1 of the bill would exempt cities from using certain voting stations if there is not a federal office appearing on the ballot, unless the city 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.

Section 2 of the bill would amend Section 419.046 of Government Code to exempt municipal fire departments from certain provisions relating to emergency incidents unless the municipal fire department receives federal or state reimbursement to cover the costs.

Section 3 of the bill would repeal Section 430.003 relating to exemption from the collection of fees from a state agency or public institution of higher education for the development or maintenance of programs for the control of excess water or storm water. The amount paid by state agencies would depend on the size and scope of the project.

The bill would be effective September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

Sections 1 and 2 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.

Section 3 of the bill could result in recovery of costs for local governments. If a unit of local government needed to develop or maintain a program of facilities for the control of excess water or storm water, it could collect infrastructure fees from state agencies and institutions of higher education. The amount of the fees would depend on the size of the project.

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