

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 24, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Todd Smith, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

**IN RE: HB452** by Allen (Relating to early voting by mail by any qualified voter.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend various sections of the Elections Code as well as repeal various sections of the same code, expanding eligibility to vote by mail during early voting.

**Local Government Impact**

Based on information provided by Tarrant County, while it is unknown how many voters who would be eligible to vote by mail under provisions of the bill would vote using that method, it is assumed the increased costs would have a moderate negative fiscal impact. For example, the county incurred costs of \$53,500 related to early voting by mail for the election in November 2008. The county estimates costs under provisions of the bill could be \$80,000 in fiscal year 2010 and increase incrementally each year thereafter.

The cost would vary by county and would depend on the number of voters who would choose to participate in early voting via mail.

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