

**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: HB1117** by Hochberg (Relating to ballot instructions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would require instructions explaining the reasons a vote may not be counted or may count in a different manner than a voter would expect or intend. The bill would be effective immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds or on September 1, 2009. The changes in law would only apply to elections held on or after January 1, 2010.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary of State

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