

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 20, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB1821 by Davis, John (Relating to requiring a voter to be affiliated with a political party to vote in that party's primary election or otherwise participate in that party's affairs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would establish criteria for establishing party affiliation and participation in the party's affairs. Changes to voter registration forms, candidate forms, and voter educational materials would need to be made but it is assumed these costs could be absorbed within existing agency resources.

The bill would repeal Sections 162.004, 162.005, 162.006, 162.007, 162.008, 162.009, 162.011, 162.012, 172.1141, and 172.125 of the Election Code. The bill would be effective September 1, 2009 except for Section 18.005(a) would be effective December 1, 2009 and Section 15.001(a) would be effective January 1, 2010.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: JOB, TP, BTA