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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB2396 by Turner, Chris (Relating to certain registration requirements imposed on sex offenders.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to expand the jurisdiction in which a person committing an offense under Chapter 62 may be prosecuted and to require that a person residing in a temporary or non-identified address provide the applicable law enforcement agencies with a detailed description of its geographical location. Section one of the bill would allow the county indicated by the person required to register as a sex offender as his or her residence to prosecute an offense under Chapter 62, regardless of whether that person establishes or attempts to establish residency in that county. In addition, the county in which the person required to register as a sex offender resides or is found by a peace officer, regardless of how long the person has been in the county or decides to stay in the county, may prosecute an offense under Chapter 62. Section two of the bill would require that the sex offender registration form include a detailed description of the geographical location at which the person resides or intends to reside, if the person does not reside at a permanent physical address. The bill would require that the person report to the applicable law enforcement agency the geographical location of his or her temporary address not less than weekly during any period in which the person has not moved to his or her intended permanent address. The Act would take effect on September 1, 2009. This analysis assumes that implementing the provisions of the bill would pose no significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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