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

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

**IN RE: HB4044** by Smith, Todd (Relating to the compensation for an election judge or clerk for a primary or runoff primary election.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB4044, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,425,710) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$2,425,710)
2011	\$0
2012	(\$2,425,710)
2013	\$0
2014	(\$2,425,710)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2010	(\$2,425,710)
2011	\$0
2012	(\$2,425,710)
2013	\$0
2014	(\$2,425,710)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would change the minimum hourly rate for primary and runoff primary election poll workers from \$7 to \$10 per hour. The bill would be effective September 1, 2009.

Methodology

It is assumed that the cost would be \$2,425,710 in election years. This was determined by taking the number of election workers in the 2006 primary election, multiplying by the increase in the hourly rate, and multiplying that by the average number of hours worked in 2006.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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