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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: SB92 by Van de Putte (Relating to the establishment of a program to provide a ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Secretary of State (SOS) to implement a program to provide a ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas. Counties with a population of 100,000 or more shall participate in the program and counties with a population under 100,000 may participate if approval is received from the SOS. The SOS shall also prescribe procedures to allow for digital signatures.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require a county with a population of 100,000 or more to participate in the program. The costs to counties with a large military population would likely incur costs associated with participating in the program.

The bill also would permit a county with a population of less than 100,000 to participate in the program only if an early voting clerk makes a request to the SOS to participate. It is assumed that a county would participate in the program only if sufficient funds were available. The costs to counties with a population of less than 100,000 with a large military population that chooses to participate in the program would likely incur costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

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