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TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

IN RE: HB1678 by Burkett (Relating to the appointment of a county election administrator.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to require a majority vote of the commissioners court to appoint a county elections administrator. Under current statute, a county elections administrator is appointed by a county election commission.

The bill would require a county clerk to deliver a certified copy of the order to the Secretary of State and the Comptroller of Public Accounts not later than the third day after the order is adopted. A county judge would be required to file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk no later than the third day after an administrator is appointed.

The bill would repeal Section 31.033 of the Election Code.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill are not anticipated to be significant.

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