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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton Jr., Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1876 by Truitt (Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to require fire protection sprinkler systems in certain residences.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code to authorize a municipality to enact an ordinance requiring a multipurpose or other residential fire protection sprinkler system in a new one- or two-family dwellings only if the municipality holds an election and the proposition is approved by a majority of the voters.

Local Government Impact

There would be a fiscal impact to a municipality associated with an election if a municipality chooses to enact an ordinance requiring a fire protection sprinkler system in new dwellings. It is assumed that a municipality would only choose to enact an ordinance if sufficient funds were available to hold an election; therefore, no significant fiscal implication is anticipated.

Based on costs reported to the Secretary of State (SOS) in 2010 by a sampling of counties, municipalities, and special districts, the average cost incurred by a local governmental entity for an election held is \$1.98 per registered voter.

Source Agencies:

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