

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

**IN RE: HB2050** by Pena (relating to the use of recording devices and mobile telephones by poll watchers.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Election Code to allow a poll watcher to have possession of a mechanical or electronic means of recording images or sounds for the purpose of reporting to the authority holding the election, the secretary of state, the attorney general, or a law enforcement officer an irregularity or violation of law relating to the election.

The bill would repeal Section 33.051(c) of the Election Code.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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