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

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

IN RE: HB2190 by Elkins (Relating to the deadline by which provisional ballots must be processed for certain elections.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to require the early voting ballot board in a county with a population of more than 500,000 to verify and count provisional ballots not later than the 13th day after a general election for state and county officers, and would require the voter registrar to review a provisional voter's eligibility. In an election described by Section 65.051(a-1), the procedures must allow for seven calendar days for the voter registrar to review a provisional voter's eligibility.

The Secretary of State (SOS) would be required to prescribe procedures for the voter registrar in the county in which a provisional ballot is cast and provide assistance to the early voting ballot board in executing its authority.

The SOS reported implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

There could be a fiscal impact to a county associated with the requirement of a voter registrar to verify and county provisional ballots not later than the 13th day after an election, but amounts would vary depending on current procedures in a county. No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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