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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: HB2194** by Taylor, Larry (Relating to the conduct and administration of elections and of state conventions of political parties.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Election Code related to the conduct and administration of elections. The bill would provide that each county that previously participated in the countywide polling place program to continue participation if the commissioners court approves participation and the Secretary of State determines the county's participation was successful. The bill would specify that certain subsections would not apply to a county participating in the program.

The presiding judge of a central counting station, in cooperation with the county clerk, would be authorized to withhold the release of unofficial election results until the last voter has voted.

The bill would amend Section 573.061 of the Government Code to specify that Section 573.041 would not apply to the appointment of an election clerk under Section 32.031 of the Election Code who is not related in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity to an elected official of the authority that appoints the election judges.

The bill would be effective September 1, 2011.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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