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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: HB2274 by Eiland (Relating to requiring a municipality to pay for the expenses of an election contest for a person elected to the governing body of the municipality.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to entitle a contestee who is elected to the governing body of a city to have the city pay the expenses of defending the election contest, including any reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and similar expenses.

Local Government Impact

There could be a significant fiscal impact to a city, but the amounts would vary depending on the number of election results that are contested by an applicable contestee and whether a municipality currently has procedures or funds established regarding election contestees.

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