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TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, House Committee on State Sovereignty, Select

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

IN RE: HJR24 by Paxton (Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the rights of individuals to choose or decline to choose to purchase health insurance coverage.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$105,495.

The resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to Article I of the Texas Constitution that would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011. The constitutional amendment would specify that individuals in this state have the right to choose or decline to choose health insurance coverage without a penalty, and would prohibit a state agency or employee of the state from imposing or enforcing a penalty or sanction on individuals who declined to purchase health insurance coverage.

Local Government Impact

There would be a fiscal impact to local governments associated with an election; however, those costs would vary by locality and are not anticipated to be significant.

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 government entity for an election held is \$1.98 per registered voter.

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