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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HJR33 by Raymond (Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HJR33, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$105,495) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

However, the fiscal impact to the state would be (\$2,923,856) in every even numbered year beginning in Fiscal Year 2014.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	(\$105,495)
2013	\$0
2014	(\$2,923,856)
2015	(\$419,000)
2016	(\$2,923,856)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	(\$105,495)	0.0
2013	\$0	0.0
2014	(\$2,923,856)	64.0
2015	(\$419,000)	7.0
2016	(\$2,923,856)	64.0

Fiscal Analysis

The resolution would propose an amendment to Article III of the Texas Constitution, regarding annual legislative sessions and annual state budgets.

Under the proposed amendment, the Legislature would meet in every even-numbered year for a budget session, in addition to the regular sessions convened in January of every odd-numbered year. The proposed amendment would specify the matters the Legislature could consider during a budget session, and the duration of a budget session. Conforming changes would be made elsewhere in the constitution.

The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011. If approved, the amendment's provisions would take effect September 1, 2013.

Methodology

The cost for the per diem of the members of the legislature is estimated to be \$1.74 million for the 60 day budget session. The House and Senate would require an additional 53 FTE's and associated costs are estimated to be \$414,856. Legislative Council would require an additional 7 FTEs and associated costs and administrative costs are estimated to be \$453,000 in the even numbered years and \$107,000 in the odd numbered years. The Comptroller's Office would require an additional 4 FTEs and associated administrative costs of \$312,000 per fiscal year beginning in 2014.

This analysis assumes a 60 day budget session. A 30 day extension would increase these costs.

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

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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