

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform

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

**IN RE: HJR118** by Callegari (Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to county authority to provide for the support of indigent inhabitants.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated**, other than the cost of publication.

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

The resolution proposes an amendment to authorize counties to provide services for the indigents and poor inhabitants in the county.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.

**Local Government Impact**

There could be a fiscal impact to a county that chose to provide services for the indigent and poor population, but it would vary depending on what services a county currently provides, or considers providing. It is assumed that a county would only provide services if sufficient funds were available; therefore, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

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

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JOB, KM, TP