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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

IN RE: SB1375 by Estes (Relating to who may participate in certain local option elections to prohibit or authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Section 501.1035 to the Election Code to allow a municipality that includes an annexed area to hold a local option election to prohibit or authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages only if a petition that is filed contains a sufficient number of signatures based on the number of qualified voters in the municipality, including the annexed area. The bill also would require that qualified voters of the annexed area be permitted to vote.

Local Government Impact

There could be costs to a municipality to hold a local option election to prohibit or authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages if a sufficient number of qualified voters filed a petition; 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:

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