

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

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

**May 5, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

**IN RE: SJR37** by Van de Putte (Proposing a constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.), **As Engrossed**

**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 a constitutional amendment to Section 65, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution to change the length of the unexpired term from one year to one year and 30 days regarding the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011, only if the Secretary of State certifies that an enactment of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, that became law provides for a filing deadline, as defined by the provisions.

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

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