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TO: Honorable Bob Deuell, Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB983** by Elkins (Relating to the eligibility of temporary election officers for unemployment compensation.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to the eligibility of temporary election officers for unemployment compensation. The bill would exclude from the definition of employment an election official or worker if the remuneration that person received during the calendar year is less than \$1,000. This exclusion matches the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, Section 3309(b)(3)(F). The United States Department of Labor has issued an informal opinion that the provisions of this bill are conforming to Federal law.

Based on information provided by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources. Also based on information provided by TWC, this analysis assumes there would be a small impact to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund (UCTF); however, it is undetermined how many individuals may be impacted or what those savings could be. This analysis does not consider impacts to the UCTF because that fund exists outside the Treasury. TWC anticipates that a very small number of individuals would no longer be eligible for benefits using service as an election worker for a political subdivision. However, TWC indicates data is not available to determine how many individuals may be impacted or what those savings might be. TWC assumes that most affected workers will be employed by reimbursing employers.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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