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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3093** by Elkins (Relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Information Resources and the Legislative Budget Board regarding information resources technologies of state agencies.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to coordinate with the quality assurance team (QAT) to develop contracting standards for IR technologies acquisition and purchased services and to work with state agencies to ensure deployment of standardized contracts.

The bill would require the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to work with DIR and the Information Technology Council for Higher Education to establish criteria to evaluate state agency biennial operating plans.

The bill would require the Secretary of State (SOS) to work with DIR to implement and provide provisions for a program that would allow a person to complete a voter registration application over the Internet from the official website of the state, which would include obtaining a digital copy of an applicant's signature from the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The bill would require the websites of the SOS and the DPS to provide a link to the voter registration application on the official website of the state. The bill would also require certain actions to be taken by applicants for electronic voter registration."

DIR, the State Auditor's Office (SAO), and the LBB indicate that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. It is assumed that any additional costs to university systems with members in the Council could be absorbed within existing resources. In accordance with Government Code 321.013, all additional duties and responsibilities prescribed by the bill would be proposed in the SAO's annual audit plan for Legislative Audit Committee approval.

The SOS and DPS estimate there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405
Department of Public Safety

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