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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3103 by Morrison (Relating to the administration of primary elections, the nomination of candidates by convention, and voting by certain military and overseas voters.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to require certain actions to be taken by the county chair, state chair, political parties, voter registrars, voters, and the Secretary of State related to: early voting requirements; certain filing and election deadlines, dates, and procedures; candidates who have filed for inclusion on an electoral ballot; the manner in which names are listed on a primary or primary runoff election ballot; making a notification of persons elected as party officers; the submission of county election returns; the reporting of precinct election results; and notations in runoff primary elections concerning the party status of a voter.

The bill would repeal Section 172.028(d) of the Election Code, related to providing a list of certified ballot names to certain newspapers and radio and television stations located in the state, and Section 50, Chapter 1318 (S.B. 100), 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, related to the ability of the Secretary of State to adjust or modify any affected date, deadline, or procedure related to the implementation of that Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

The Secretary of State indicates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

This bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of each house; if not, it will take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

There may be some savings to counties associated with changing to an electronic posting and notification process; however, any fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

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