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TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB134 by Simpson (Relating to certain information included with ballot propositions for elections to authorize state and local general obligation bonds.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election and Government Codes to require the inclusion of certain information on ballot propositions to authorize state and local general obligation bonds.

The Secretary of State indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

There could be costs associated with the provisions of the bill. Depending on a local entity's resources, voting equipment, and the size and composition of a local entity, updates to existing equipment or new equipment could be needed to accommodate additional information on the ballot. There could be costs associated with mail in ballots. These costs would depend on the length of the ballot, the size and composition of the voting district, and the mailing costs of a ballot. Based on these factors, there could be varying costs for a local entity.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 352 Bond Review Board, 701 Central Education Agency

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