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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1182 by Shaheen (Relating to ballot propositions authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the inclusion of certain information on ballot propositions to authorize local bonds.

The Secretary of State indicates the provisions of the bill could be implemented 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 accompany 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: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 307 Secretary of State, 352 Bond Review Board, 701 Central Education Agency

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