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TO: Honorable Drew Darby, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2003 by Raymond (Relating to the applicability of the law governing the mineral use of subdivided land.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the additional subdivisions of land that could occur in counties that would be subject to Chapter 92 of the Natural Resources Code and the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 3.76 is unknown.

The bill would amend the Natural Resources Code, regarding the conservation and regulation of oil and gas, and the applicability of the law governing the mineral use of subdivided land. The bill would amend the definition of a "qualified subdivision" to be a tract of land of not more than 640 acres in a county with a population of more than 100,000.

The Comptroller indicates that subdivided land in more counties may be subject to the provisions of Chapter 92 of the Natural Resources Code, as well as Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 3.76, but that the fiscal implication of the bill cannot be determined. The Railroad Commission indicates the agency can implement bill provisions within existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2015

Local Government Impact

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 455 Railroad Commission

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