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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2381 by Reynolds (Relating to the appointment and duties of election officers.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to modify the appointment and duties of election officers. The bill would require a county clerk of a county to prepare a list of persons whose names were submitted by county chairs and who are eligible to serve as election judges. The commissioners court would be required to appoint the first person who meets the eligibility requirements from the list. Under the provisions of the bill, a county chair of a political party would be required to appoint judges for each precinct and fill any vacancy that occurs in the position of presiding judge or alternate presiding judge. The bill would require the county clerk to provide certain information to the county chair of a political party after the commissioners court appoints an election judge. The bill would require a person who appoints an election clerk to provide certain information to the county chair of each political party that submitted names for appointment. The bill would require an alternate presiding judge or clerk to be present during certain election activities to observe the activity and hear discussions between election workers. The bill modifies the method of an early voting clerk selecting election officers.

The bill would repeal Sections 32.006(b), 32.010, and 32.0511(d), Election Code.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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