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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3118 by Goldman (Relating to the canvassing of primary elections.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3118, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$104,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$104,000)
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
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2016	(\$104,000)
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Election Code to change procedures related to the canvassing of primary elections by certain campaign officials. The bill would also amend the Election Code to require the Secretary of State (SOS) to post information to the SOS website indicating the status of each

candidate, the returns of each candidate, and the manner in which the votes were cast, for the general primary election and runoff primary election.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Methodology

Under the provisions of the bill, the Secretary of State indicates they would need to develop new election night returns and ballot, certification, and canvass components to their system and estimates the fiscal impact would be \$104,000 in fiscal year 2016, and \$0 each fiscal year from 2017-2020.

Technology

The Secretary of State indicates that there would be one-time technology related costs to code the necessary software for this project. The Secretary of State estimates this cost at \$104,000 (one contractor at \$100.00 per hour for 1,040 hours).

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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