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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1073 by Zaffirini (Relating to the requirements for a candidate's application or nomination for a place on the ballot and related procedures.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Elections Code to require candidates for elected offices to provide certain information and its availability.

The bill would require certain authorities to mark a general primary ballot application as incomplete if the payment for the application fee is returned as insufficient funds. The bill would allow an applicant to resubmit payment if the application was received before the end of the filing period.

The bill would change procedures related to the canvassing of primary elections by certain campaign officials. The bill would also require the Secretary of State (SOS) to post information to the SOS website indicating the status of each candidate for the general primary election and runoff primary election.

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

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

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