

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2201 by Vo (Relating to the offense of unlawfully prohibiting an employee from voting.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code amending the offense of unlawfully prohibiting an employee from voting to include early voting.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Source Agencies:

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