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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB4134** by Fallon (Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of engaging in organized election fraud activity.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code as it relates to the offense of engaging in organized election fraud activity. Under the provisions of the bill, engaging in election fraud activity would be punishable one category higher than the most serious offense listed in the subsection.

The Office of Court Administration, Secretary of State, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice do not anticipate a significant impact due to implementing the provisions of the bill.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant fiscal impact on the demand for state correctional resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 307 Secretary of State, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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