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TO: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4183 by Bell (Relating to the administration of certain water districts.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB4183, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

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 |
|--------------------|---|
| 2018 | \$0 |
| 2019 | \$0 |
| 2020 | \$0 |
| 2021 | \$0 |
| 2022 | \$0 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable (Cost) from <i>Water Resource Management</i> 153 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2017 |
|--------------------|--|---|
| 2018 | (\$942,717) | 11.0 |
| 2019 | (\$892,317) | 11.0 |
| 2020 | (\$892,317) | 11.0 |
| 2021 | (\$892,317) | 11.0 |
| 2022 | (\$892,317) | 11.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The provisions of the bill that are the subject of this analysis would amend the Water Code requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to conduct expedited bond application review within 45 days (currently 60 days) to be able to issue a notice of deficiency letter to the applicant. The bill would also require the TCEQ to complete a regular bond application within 90 days (currently 180 days) to issue a notice of deficiency.

Methodology

According to TCEQ, in order to decrease the amount of time to conduct an expedited bond application review and a regular bond application review, the agency would need 11 FTEs, 1 Program Supervisor VI at \$72,789 per year, 10 Engineering Specialist III at \$55,602 per year ($\$55,602 \times 10 = \$556,020$), and \$220,838 for costs related to employee benefits. The agency would require an additional \$93,070 for travel, training, operating expenses, and capital costs in the first year and \$42,670 each subsequent year.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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