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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1666 by Huffman (Relating to the conduct of primary elections and certain other election practices; increasing a criminal penalty; creating criminal offenses.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the conduct of primary elections and certain other election practices; increasing a criminal penalty; creating criminal offenses.

The Secretary of State, Office of Court Administration, and Department of Criminal Justice assume any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

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

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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

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