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TO: Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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IN RE: HB1238 by Bucy (Relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for all elected offices in the state.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1238, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$841,242) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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
2020	(\$557,901)
2021	(\$283,341)
2022	(\$283,341)
2023	(\$283,341)
2024	(\$283,341)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
	1	
2020	(\$557,901)	4.0
2021	(\$283,341)	4.0
2022	(\$283,341)	4.0
2023	(\$283,341)	4.0
2024	(\$283,341)	4.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the posting on the Secretary of State's internet website of a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for all elected

offices of the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

Based on the analysis of the Secretary of State, the initial design and implementation of a new application to display all candidates and office holders in an internet-accessible database would require contracting with a vendor. In addition, ongoing maintenance of the system and of the information contained in the system would require technology and program staff resources. This analysis assumes funding would be required for salaries and staff start up costs for 1 information technology FTE and 3 elections administration FTEs to provide ongoing maintenance of the system.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 313 Department of Information Resources

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