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TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2713 by Burrows (Relating to eliminating the fee for electronic access to certain information maintained by the secretary of state.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2713, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$6,000,000) 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	(\$3,000,000)
2021	(\$3,000,000)
2022	(\$3,000,000)
2023	(\$3,000,000)
2024	(\$3,000,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666
2020	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
2021	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
2022	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
2023	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
2024	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill amends the Government Code to eliminate the public access fee used to cover the cost of maintaining and transmitting electronic data administered by the Secretary of State.

The bill takes effect on September 1, 2019.

Methodology

Based on analysis by the Secretary of State and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the \$1 public access fee affected by the provisions of the bill typically generates \$3.0 million per fiscal year in the form of Appropriated Receipts. Unexpended balances of Appropriated Receipts are deposited to the General Revenue Fund at the end of each fiscal year, and their reduction would have a negative effect on the state's cash flow.

Technology

Analysis by the Secretary of State indicates one-time technology costs to implement the provisions of the bill. However, it is assumed that these costs could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 307 Secretary of State

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