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TO: Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Property Tax

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: **SB1225** by Bettencourt (Relating to requirements for certain petitions requesting an election and ballot propositions.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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Based on analysis by the Secretary of State and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to election petitions and ballot propositions could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill provides that a city pay fair market value of all legal services regarding ballot proposition language enforcement and it waives governmental immunity allowing court costs, attorney fees and expenses. According to the Texas Municipal League, the fiscal impact cannot be determined because it is unknown how frequent the actions addressed in the bill would occur.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 307 Secretary of State

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