

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 17, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Briscoe Cain, Chair, House Committee on Elections

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1382** by Bucy (Relating to an electronic system to monitor the status of a ballot voted by mail application and ballot.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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This bill would amend the Election Code to require the early voting clerk of each county to develop and maintain an Internet system that allows a voter to track the status of that voter's mail ballot.

According to the Secretary of State, no significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

According to elections officials from Tarrant, Parker, Cameron, Brazoria and Taylor counties, a fiscal impact of approximately \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year is anticipated. This estimate represents the additional cost of adjusting the online statewide voter registration system maintained by the Secretary of State to allow for ballot tracking.

**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary of State

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