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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5138 by Shaheen (Relating to the duty of the attorney general to prosecute criminal offenses prescribed by the election laws of this state.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to provide information to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) regarding the investigation of certain criminal offenses under the Election Code. Local prosecuting attorneys would be allowed to object to OAG's representation of the state in persecuting these offenses.

It is assumed that any costs to the state associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

No significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Local law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys would be required to report to the Office of the Attorney General information on certain investigations into violations of the Election Code.

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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