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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB5 by Huffman (Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification; providing a criminal penalty and increasing a criminal penalty.), **Conference Committee Report**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Election Code and the Transportation Code relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies. The Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety assume any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2018.

Local Government Impact

El Paso County reports minor fiscal implication relating to printing of new postings and declarations at polling sites at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Last election the county opted to mail a flyer to voters about the new ID law at a cost of \$50,000. Hunt, Travis, and Webb Counties estimates no significant fiscal impact.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 405 Department of Public Safety

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