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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: SB1404 by Wentworth (Relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would add a new chapter to Title 3 of the Government Code, relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission. The bill would establish the nine-member commission, eligibility and conflict of interest provisions for commission members, duties of the commission, and requirements for the redistricting plan. The bill would direct the Legislature to make an appropriation sufficient for the compensation and payment of expenses of the commission members and any staff employed by the commission. The bill would direct the Texas Legislative Council to provide the necessary technical staff and clerical services to the commission. Any unexpended money from an appropriation would revert to the General Revenue Fund 0001. This bill would take effect January 1, 2007.

Compensation and expenses of commission members and any staff employed by the commission would entail additional costs to the state. However, no costs would occur in the 5 years covered by this analysis.

There should be no fiscal impact to the Texas Legislative Council for providing technical staff and clerical services, which the Council currently provides to the legislature in its congressional redistricting activities.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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