TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SJR26 by West (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is $105,495.

The resolution proposes constitutional amendments to Section 5 and Section 7, Article XI of the Texas Constitution to authorize the Legislature by general law to allow municipalities and counties that meet certain criteria to enter into interlocal contracts with other municipalities or counties without meeting the tax assessment and sinking fund requirements. Current statute prohibits a municipality from altering, amending or repealing a charter oftener than every two years.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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