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TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Redistricting, Select

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

IN RE: SJR43 by Rodriguez (Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish certain principles and procedures for the drawing of congressional districts.), **As Introduced**

No significant 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 joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to establish certain principles and procedures for the decennial redrawing of congressional districts. It sets forth criteria to be considered when adopting a redistricting plan and designates the Texas Supreme Court as the court of original jurisdiction for any legal challenge to a redistricting plan. The constitutional amendment would be submitted to voters on a November 8, 2011 election.

No procedural changes are noted that would unduly impact the Court. Since the Texas Legislative Council currently provides redistricting support services to the legislature, any additional fiscal impact could be absorbed within existing resources.

According to the Secretary of State, there is a fiscal impact to the state for the costs of publishing the explanatory statement statewide in newspapers of general circulation, and for the cost of printing and mailing the explanatory statement to Hispanic surname registered voter households. The cost is estimated to be \$105,495.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 307 Secretary of State

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