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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Roch LAST UPDATED _____ HB 358/aHVEC

SHORT TITLE Conservancy District Elections Requirements SB _____

ANALYST Aledo

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Elections Committee Amendment to House Bill 358 clarifies language which provides for voting by absentee ballot for nonresident owners of land or other owners of land.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 358 changes the maximum size of the conservancy district from 140,000 acres to 145,000 acres. It deletes outdated language regarding wives of electors. It also deletes the requirement for the conservancy district secretary to mail out statements showing the number of irrigable acres owned by each landowner in each voting precinct.

HB 358 changes the entitlement to vote for district precinct elections to landowners owning irrigable property for at least five months preceding the election, and for at-large director's changes the ownership period from one month to a minimum of two (2) months.

It eliminates a provision that allows candidates to run without having a nominating petition if no other person had filed to run within the time prescribed for filing. The bill gives the board of directors the ability to determine compensation of directors providing no director receives an increase during the term they were elected.

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