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TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

IN RE: HB1036 by Legler (relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code by repealing Section 571.122(b-1), relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission. The section of Government Code to be repealed states that to be eligible to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission, an individual must be a resident of Texas or must own real property in Texas. This section also specifies the documentation that must be attached to the filed complaint.

It is expected that there may be a relatively small increase in the number of sworn complaints filed with the Texas Ethics Commission from out-of-state residents as a result of the legislation, but it is anticipated that any additional costs associated with the increase in filings could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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