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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.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission. The bill mandates that a sworn complaint be dismissed by the Texas Ethics Commission if the commission determines that the sworn complaint was filed at the direction or urging of a person who is a non-resident, or does not own real property in Texas. Currently, the commission dismisses a sworn complaint if it is determined that it was filed at the direction or urging of a non-resident of Texas. It is anticipated that the legislation could result in savings from decreased commission staff workload resulting from the dismissal of these complaints.

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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