

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB89 by Branch (Relating to an exemption for certain political committees from the imposition of civil penalties for violating requirements for reporting political contributions and expenditures.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would provide a general purpose committee an exemption from civil penalty if the committee did not accept political contributions totaling \$3,000 or more or make or authorize political expenses totaling \$3,000 or more. The bill also would require the Texas Ethics Commission to submit a report to the legislature on the impacts and effects of Section 254.164, Election Code, by December 31, 2008.

It is assumed that any additional costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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