

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 19, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Leo Berman, Chair, House Committee on Elections

**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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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. 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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