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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB402 by Hill (Relating to a prohibition on ex parte communications between a member of the board of directors and the chief appraiser of an appraisal district; providing a penalty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Section 6 of the Tax Code to create a new Class C misdemeanor offense for ex parte communications between a chief executive officer or governing board members of taxing units and the chief appraiser or board of directors of an appraisal district outside of an open meeting. The provisions of the bill would not apply to routine communications between a chief appraiser and a county assessor-collector that relates to the administration of an appraisal roll.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007. It would apply only to offenses committed on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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