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

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

IN RE: SB64 by Zaffirini (Relating to the reporting of political contributions accepted or political expenditures made near an election; providing a civil penalty.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB64, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$22,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$22,000)
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	(\$22,000)
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require general-purpose committees to file additional reports with the Texas Ethics Commission related to the acceptance of political contributions.

Methodology

The Texas Ethics Commission anticipates modification of its existing reporting program and software which would require approximately 2 contract programmers working full time for 2 months at a cost of \$18,500. In addition, related expenses of \$3,500 would be required related to sending the new software version to filers.

Technology

Technology costs associated with implementation of the bill would be \$18,500 for software programming expenses.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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