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TO: Honorable Burt R. Solomons, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2421 by Solomons (Relating to the governing body of an independent organization for a power region.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 39.151(g) of the Utilities Code to provide that an independent organization must operate a regional electrical network that is contained wholly within the borders of the State of Texas in order to maintain certification with the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The bill would also modify the composition and selection of independent organization's governing body. The bill would require the PUC to conduct a rulemaking to conform existing rules relating to independent organizations to the bill's provisions.

The PUC indicates that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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