

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: SB921** by Fraser (Relating to access by the members of electric cooperatives to meetings of the boards of directors and certain information of the electric cooperatives.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend various provisions of Chapter 161 of the Utilities Code regarding board meetings, member elections, casting of proxy votes and board procedures of electric cooperatives. The bill would authorize a cooperative member who believes the board or a cooperative employee has infringed on the member's rights to file a complaint with the cooperative general manager. If the manager does not agree with the complaint or fails to take corrective action within 20 days, the bill would authorize the member to file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office.

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to adopt rules to establish standards and procedures for evaluating and approving a request by an electric cooperative to acquire equipment capable of generating electricity for sale, other than equipment that uses an alternative energy source.

Based on the analysis of the PUC and the Office of the Attorney General, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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