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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Open Government, Select

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

**IN RE: SB669** by Wentworth (Relating to requests to inspect or be provided with copies of information under the public information law.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend Government Code related to the Public Information Act by adding to the definition of manipulation to include a search of one or more e-mail or text message accounts and the transfer of related information to a paper, or other, format that can be inspected by the requestor. The bill would clarify the timeline for communications between a governmental entity and a requestor pertaining to requests that will result in a charge greater than \$40. The bill would clarify that a request modification submitted in response to a deposit or bond be considered a separate request.

This analysis assumes that any costs resulting from implementation of the bill's provisions can be met within existing resources.

The bill would apply only to a request received by a governmental body on or after the effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 307 Secretary of State, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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