

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Price

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Secretary of the Senate

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2959 by Price (Relating to the required transfer of records to a new county chair of a political party; providing a penalty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to create a Class C misdemeanor offense if the person formerly serving as the county chair of a political party does not transfer to the new county chair the required documents not later than the 30th day after the new chair's term begins.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JOB, SD, KJG, JT, TP

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2011

TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2959 by Price (Relating to the required transfer of records to a new county chair of a political party; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 2, 2011

TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2959 by Price (Relating to the required transfer of records to a new county chair of a political party; providing a penalty.), **As Engrossed**

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The bill would amend the Election Code to create a Class B misdemeanor offense if the person formerly serving as the county chair of a political party does not transfer to the new county chair the required documents not later than the 30th day after the new chair's term begins.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

IN RE: HB2959 by Price (Relating to the required transfer of records to a new county chair of a political party; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

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