

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 10, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee On Elections

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1350** by Larson (Relating to the use of appropriated money for certain broadcasts featuring an elected state officer near an election.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Government Code to prohibit state agencies directed by an elected official, from using state appropriated funds for any broadcasts featuring the official, within 60 days prior to an election for which the official is a candidate. The Ethics Commission would be required to update guidelines based on this change, however it is anticipated any costs associated with implementing the legislation could be absorbed within the agency.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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