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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1398 by Murphy (Relating to required disclosures on political advertising.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to specify certain requirements relating to political advertising, including identification as a political advertisement. The bill would also require the political advertisement to identify whether it has been authorized by the candidate, and if not, who authorized and paid for the advertisement. The Ethics Commission would be required to update guidelines and instruction materials 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 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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