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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1422 by Geren (Relating to the reporting in a lobbyist registration of certain persons from whom compensation or reimbursement is received.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require lobbyists registering with the Texas Ethics Commission to identify on their lobby registration the full name and address of each person who pays the lobbyist for any reason from (a) a political contribution; (b) interest received from a political contribution; or (c) an asset purchased with a political contribution. The bill would require the Texas Ethics Commission to make programming changes to the online forms and software used in the registration of lobbyists, however it is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

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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