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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3621 by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to a select committee to review and make recommendations for substantive changes to laws overseen by the Texas Ethics Commission.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create an interim committee, comprised of four members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, four members appointed by the Speaker of the House, and the Ethics Commission Executive Director, to review the laws and regulations related to Texas Ethics Laws. The bill would require the committee to provide a report on its findings and recommendations for statutory changes, no later than December 20, 2014. The bill would require the Ethics Commission and the Legislative Council to provide any staff and resources to the commission as necessary, and both agencies anticipate any additional costs could be absorbed within agency resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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