

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 7, 2013**

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

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

**IN RE:** **SB1773** by Huffman (Relating to the creation of a select interim committee to review and make recommendations for substantive changes to ethics laws.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.
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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 statutes and regulations related to ethics. 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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