

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 24, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB37** by Cook (Relating to the reporting of certain political contributions and political expenditures by certain persons; adding provisions subject to a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Election Code to add a reporting requirement with the Ethics Commission of certain political contributions and expenditures by a person or group that is not a political committee but accepts political contributions and makes political expenditures of a certain threshold. The bill would require the agency to make changes to their electronic filing system to allow for a new filer type, however the agency indicates that any costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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