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TO: Honorable Sarah Davis, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB17 by Davis, Sarah (Relating to the disclosure of gifts by vendors to certain local government officers and of certain relationships with local government officers; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code relating to disclosures by vendors of gifts for certain local entities. The bill would create a Class C misdemeanor for violating the provisions of the bill.

The bill would repeal Section 176.001(2-b), 176.003(a-1)-(a-2), and 176.013(e) of the Local Government Code.

The bill would take effect immediately if the bill receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect December 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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