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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1378 |
| By: Davis, Sarah |
| General Investigating & Ethics |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties are concerned that a general-purpose committee's ability to make or authorize political contributions or political expenditures is unduly restricted by a preliminary requirement to file its campaign treasurer appointment by a certain date and accept political contributions from at least 10 persons. H.B. 1378 seeks to eliminate such preliminary requirements. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 1378 repeals Sections 253.037(a) and (c), Election Code, relating to the prohibition against a general-purpose committee knowingly making or authorizing a political contribution or political expenditure unless the committee has filed its campaign treasurer appointment by a specified deadline and accepted political contributions from at least 10 persons.   |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |