

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 7, 2017**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1380** by Davis, Sarah (Relating to the disclosure to a law enforcement agency of confidential information relating to a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Government Code relating to the disclosure to a law enforcement agency of confidential information relating to a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission; creating a criminal offense. The Ethics Commission indicates that any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

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, 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement

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