

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

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

**April 18, 2017**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2473** by Davis, Sarah (Relating to the disclosure by vendors of gifts to certain local government officers and of certain relationships with local government officers; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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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 September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the fiscal impact to local government cannot be determined.

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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