

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

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

**April 18, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** SB1812 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the authority of an appraisal district to use public money for lobbying activity.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 305 of the Government Code, regarding registration of lobbyists, to prohibit an appraisal district from using public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation pending before the Legislature. An appraisal district employee would not be prohibited from providing information for a member of the Legislature or appearing before a legislative committee at the request of the committee or the member of the Legislature.

The bill would not affect taxable property values, tax rates, collection rates, or any other variable which might affect the revenues of units of local governments or the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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