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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2035 by Hughes (relating to prohibiting contributions, expenditures, and related activities involving political committees that support or oppose a ballot measure; creating a criminal offense; providing a civil penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code and the Election Code to require the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) to add a new affidavit to certain reports. The bill would create a new criminal offense and provide for certain civil penalties relating to these filings.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact on TEC could be absorbed within existing resources.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the fiscal impact on the state cannot be estimated.

It is assumed that any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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