

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1745
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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 1745 creates the Local Government campaign and Financial Disclosure Act as well as acts for counties, municipalities, technology center districts and school districts. The measure requires campaigns to make disclosure documents available locally to be more accessible to the electorate.

The measure directs the Ethics Commission to establish the Political Subdivisions Enforcement Division and authorizes the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission to employ staff, or contract for services to be performed by the division, or both.

Further, the measure creates the Political Subdivisions Enforcement Revolving Fund. The fund consist of all funds appropriated by the legislature to the fund and all late filing fees, fines from settlement agreements and fines assessed by the District Court for violations of the County Campaign Finance and Disclosure Act, and each of the other acts created by this measure. The measure directs the State Treasurer to annually transfer to the General Revenue Fund any funds in excess of \$150,000. At any time that the fund drops below \$100,000 the Executive is authorized to halt enforcement until the amount surpasses \$100,000.

Finally, the measure repeals the Political Subdivisions Ethics Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

Not required.

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Other Considerations

None.