

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3056
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10831
Author:	Rep. Sims
Date:	3/7/2022
Impact:	\$90,000 initially; \$80,000 annually thereafter

Research Analysis

HB 3056 the committee substitute, modifies the applicability of the Municipality Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act to include committees and candidates who expend or receive more than \$1,000 in donations or in-kind expenditures.

The measure also allows prosecution for violations of this act by the district attorney or a locally adopted policy. Failure to report expenditures shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and impose a fine of up to \$100 per day, but not to exceed \$1,000. Willful noncompliance shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and impose a fine of \$1,000.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review and with consultation with the Ethics Commission, it is estimated that HB 3056 would have a negative fiscal impact on the Commission's budget as the current language significantly expands the number of municipalities/towns who would be subject to the provisions of the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act. The Commission estimates that the number of municipalities subject to filing requirements could increase from approximately 40 to over 500. As a result of the increased volume of filings and support, the Commission estimates costs associated with the measure would be approximately \$90,000 initially and \$80,000 annually thereafter. These costs would include at least one full-time FTE (salary and benefits), additional equipment, and traveling expenses relating to enforcement.

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Other Considerations

None.