

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3147
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

HB3147 changes definitions of political committees to mean any committee composed of two or more person whose purpose includes the election or defeat of questions submitted to a vote during a municipal election. The measure also removes the requirement of notarization for statements of organization and financial interests. Additionally, the measure requires the Ethics Commission to develop online reporting processes for information required by the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, and the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB 3147 changes certain definitions of political committees and requires the Ethics Commission to develop online reporting processes for information required by various financial disclosure acts. However, the measure does not provide monies for establishing those processes. The measure makes the program subject to the availability of funding; therefore, the administering agency would not experience unfunded additional duties as a result of the measure.

If funding is provided, the agency estimates that the following costs would be required to establish the online reporting processes:

- One-time IT costs: \$200,000 to \$350,000; and
- Ongoing costs of 2 to 3 FTE, plus additional hosting/maintenance fees for the online system: \$180,000 to \$240,000 per year.

In aggregate, the measure's one-year estimated cost would range from \$380,000 to \$590,000.

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Other Considerations

None.