

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1384
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General Investigating & Ethics
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that certain recommendations of the Texas Ethics Commission relating to certain contributions, loans, and expenditures made in connection with a campaign for speaker of the house of representatives should be implemented. H.B. 1384 seeks to implement these recommendations by removing prohibitions against certain contributions, loans, and expenditures made in connection with such a campaign.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1384 repeals Government Code provisions prohibiting an organization or group of persons from contributing or lending or promising to contribute or lend money or other things of value, with certain exceptions, in connection with a campaign for speaker of the house of representatives and provisions relating to certain individual contributions and campaign expenditures made in connection with such a campaign. The bill amends the Government Code to make conforming changes.

H.B. 1384 repeals the following provisions of the Government Code:

- Section 302.017
- Section 302.019

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.