

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the county executive committee of a political party that makes or accepts political contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000 in a calendar year, is required to appoint a campaign treasurer and file disclosure reports on contributions and expenditures. Increasing the \$5,000 could ease the burden on small county executive committees.

H.B. 1647 increases the expenditure threshold for a required appointment of a campaign treasurer from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for political party county executive committees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 253.031(d), Election Code, to provide that this section does not apply to a political party's county executive committee that accepts political contributions or makes political expenditures, except that a county executive committee that accepts political contributions or makes political expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed \$25,000, rather than \$5,000, in a calendar year must file a certain campaign treasurer appointment and certain reports.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.