BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

To reduce recordkeeping and reporting burdens for certain small general-purpose committees, H.B. 1644 provides alternative reporting requirements.

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 Subchapter F, Chapter 254, Election Code, by adding Section 254.1541, as follows:

Sec. 254.2541. ALTERNATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES. (a) Sets forth the committees to which this section applies.

(b) Authorizes a report by a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee to which this section applies to substitute certain political contribution information for certain required information in a report.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 154.156, Election Code, to provide that the maximum amount of a political contribution, expenditure, or loan that is not required to be individually reported is \$20 in the aggregate for a contribution accepted by a general-purpose committee to which Section 254.1541 applies. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.