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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1152 by Hinojosa (Relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in a courthouse; providing penalties.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to add a courthouse to the locations where a person may not knowingly make or authorize or accept a political contribution to a candidate or officeholder, a political committee, or a person acting on behalf of one of those persons. An offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected would not have a significant fiscal implication.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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