

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1114  
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Elections  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties have expressed concern that school districts may be generally ill-equipped to publish, in a manner more timely than is required by the current deadline, reports of political contributions and expenditures for a school bond election that are filed with the district by certain specific-purpose political committees created to support or oppose a measure. The concerned parties contend this delay could create confusion when an open records request for such a report is filed before an election. These parties suggest that these reports should be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission instead of a school district so that the reports can be published sooner and be made more readily available. In the interest of efficiency and transparency, H.B. 1114 seeks to impose this requirement.

### **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. 1114 amends the Election Code to require a specific-purpose political committee created to support or oppose a measure on the issuance of bonds by a school district to file reports of political contributions and expenditures with the Texas Ethics Commission.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.