

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, certain reports are required to be filed for ceremonies relating to fundraising activities. The designated chairman of the governor for a day ceremony and the chairman of the speaker's reunion day ceremony are required to file a report with the secretary of state that details certain information. This bill transfers the duty of filing reports relating to fundraising for the governor for a day and speaker's reunion day ceremonies from the secretary of state's office to the Texas Ethics Commission.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1449 transfers the duty of filing reports relating to fundraising for the governor for a day and speaker's reunion day ceremonies from the secretary of state's office to the Texas Ethics Commission.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 303.005(a), Government Code, to require the chairman of the speaker's reunion day ceremony to file with the Texas Ethics Commission (commission), rather than the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 571.030(b), Government Code, to authorize money in the state ethics fund to be appropriated only to the commission to enforce certain provisions, including Chapter 303, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 571.061(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 571.091(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. Requires the secretary of state to transfer to the commission each final report filed with the secretary of state under Section 303.005(a), Government Code. Requires a person required to file a supplemental report under Section 303.005(b), Government Code, who filed a final report under Section 303.005(a), Government Code, with the secretary of state to file the supplemental report with the commission.

SECTION 7. Emergency clause.