

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center  
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H.B. 29  
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Finance  
9/17/2003  
Engrossed

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

H.B. 29 appropriates the increased lobbyist registration fees authorized by legislation passed in the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, in an amount not to exceed \$267,400 for the fiscal year 2004-2005 biennium, to the Texas Ethics Commission for the development and implementation of an electronic filing system for lobbyists.

### **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. (a) Provides that the additional revenue generated by the increase in the amount of certain lobby registration fees under Section 305.0064, Government Code, collected during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) is appropriated, in an amount not to exceed \$267,400, to TEC for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system for lobbyists, as required by Section 305.0064.

(b) Requires, for the purpose of administering Section 305.0064, Government Code, that any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, be paid out of the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and be allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or the 91st day after the end of the legislative session.