

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3996
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	9704
Author:	Rep. Wright
Date:	3/3/2020
Impact:	OEC \$60,000; one-time expense

Research Analysis

HB 3996 provides that no social media account, maintained using state resources, in the name of a state officer or agency may be used to solicit funds for a political party or campaign. The measure also amends Ethics Commission rules to allow contributions to be made between any limited committees, unrestricted by the committee's purpose, and that limited committees may make contributions to unlimited committees in unlimited amounts..

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3996, as introduced, modifies certain rules of the Ethics Commission.

Section 1

Stipulates that social media accounts maintained using state resources may not be used in 3 different ways.

Section 2

Amends a rule of the Commission to allow contributions between limited committees to be unrestricted by the stated purpose of the committee. It further allows limited committees to make contributions to unlimited committees in unlimited amounts.

Section 3

Includes members or employees of the Commission as individuals whose reports of rule violations must conform to certain standards.

Analysis provided by the Commission indicates a one-time cost of \$60,000 to update the Commission's online reporting system to accommodate the changes to ethics rules covered in the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

