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S.B. No. 62

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permitting the Texas Ethics Commission to provide seminars and charge an attendance fee for those seminars.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 571.071, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) The commission may provide a seminar for persons required to register under Chapter 305 that addresses issues involving lobbying, political contributions and expenditures, and other issues as determined by the commission. The commission may charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees.

(d) The commission may provide a seminar that addresses the laws administered and enforced by the commission and any other relevant laws, as determined by the commission. The commission may charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.