

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 471
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture &
 1-4 Rural Affairs; April 19, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
 1-6 April 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 471 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the investigation by the Texas Commission on
 1-22 Environmental Quality of certain complaints.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 5.176, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-25 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The commission is not required to investigate a
 1-27 complaint:

1-28 (1) that may be addressed during other commission
 1-29 activities; or

1-30 (2) that was filed by an individual when there is not a
 1-31 reasonable probability that the commission can substantiate the
 1-32 complaint and:

1-33 (A) the complaint is repetitious or redundant of
 1-34 other complaints concerning the same site investigated in the
 1-35 preceding 12 months that were not substantiated by the commission;
 1-36 or

1-37 (B) the complainant has filed in the preceding
 1-38 seven years at least five complaints that were not substantiated by
 1-39 the commission.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 5.177(c), Water Code, is amended to read
 1-41 as follows:

1-42 (c) The commission is not required to provide the
 1-43 information described in Subsection (a) or (b) to a complainant
 1-44 who:

1-45 (1) files an anonymous complaint;

1-46 (2) [~~or~~] provides inaccurate contact information; or

1-47 (3) files a complaint described by Section 5.176(c).

1-48 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-49 a complaint filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-50 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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