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S.B. No. 869

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the deadline for the Texas Ethics Commission to resolve certain complaints.

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

SECTION 1. Section 571.1242(h), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) Notwithstanding any other law, including Sections 571.1244 and 571.136:

(1) the [The] deadline under Subsection (g) is tolled only for the duration of any litigation brought by the respondent or the commission regarding the complaint at issue; and

(2) the commission may not toll or extend the deadline under Subsection (g) for a duration other than the duration described by Subdivision (1) or adopt or enforce a rule to toll or extend the deadline for a duration other than the duration described by that subdivision.

SECTION 2. Section 571.1242(h), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission under Chapter 571, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission under that chapter before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.