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H.B. No. 29

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to appropriating amounts received from the increase in the  
3 amount of lobby registration fees under Chapter 249, Acts of the  
4 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The additional revenue generated by the  
7 increase in the amount of lobby registration fees under Section  
8 305.0064, Government Code, as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, collected during the state  
10 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Ethics  
11 Commission is appropriated, in an amount not to exceed \$267,400, to  
12 the Texas Ethics Commission for the state fiscal biennium beginning  
13 September 1, 2003, for the development and implementation of the  
14 electronic filing system for lobbyists, as required by Section  
15 305.0064.

16 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred  
17 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in  
18 connection with administering Section 305.0064, Government Code,  
19 as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular  
20 Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by  
21 Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the  
22 appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance  
23 with applicable rules of the comptroller.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
5 legislative session.