

1-1 By: Luna (Senate Sponsor - Bivins) H.B. No. 29
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House September 17, 2003;
1-3 September 17, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Finance; September 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; September 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to appropriating amounts received from the increase in the
1-9 amount of lobby registration fees under Chapter 249, Acts of the
1-10 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. (a) The additional revenue generated by the
1-13 increase in the amount of lobby registration fees under Section
1-14 305.0064, Government Code, as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th
1-15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, collected during the state
1-16 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Ethics
1-17 Commission is appropriated, in an amount not to exceed \$267,400, to
1-18 the Texas Ethics Commission for the state fiscal biennium beginning
1-19 September 1, 2003, for the development and implementation of the
1-20 electronic filing system for lobbyists, as required by Section
1-21 305.0064.

1-22 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred
1-23 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in
1-24 connection with administering Section 305.0064, Government Code,
1-25 as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
1-26 Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by
1-27 Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the
1-28 appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance
1-29 with applicable rules of the comptroller.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
1-35 legislative session.

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