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H.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to representation of a person for compensation before an
3 executive state agency by a member of the legislature.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 572.052(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A member of the legislature may not, for compensation,
8 represent another person before a state agency in the executive
9 branch of state government [~~unless:~~

10 [~~(1) the representation:~~

11 [~~(A) is made in a proceeding that is adversary in~~
12 ~~nature or in another public hearing that is a matter of record; or~~

13 [~~(B) involves the filing of documents, contacts~~
14 ~~with the agency, or other relations, that involve only ministerial~~
15 ~~acts on the part of the commission, agency, board, department, or~~
16 ~~officer; and~~

17 [~~(2) the member discloses to the agency that the~~
18 ~~member is being compensated for the representation].~~

19 SECTION 2. Section 572.021, Government Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 572.021. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED. A state
22 officer, a partisan or independent candidate for an office as an
23 elected officer, and a party chairman shall file with the
24 commission a verified financial statement complying with Sections

1 572.022 through 572.024 [~~572.025~~].

2 SECTION 3. Section 572.025, Government Code, is repealed.

3 SECTION 4. This Act applies only to representation before
4 an executive state agency for which a member of the legislature is
5 hired on or after September 1, 2003. Representation for which a
6 member of the legislature was hired before September 1, 2003, and
7 the reporting of that registration are governed by the law in effect
8 at the time the member was hired, and that law is continued in
9 effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.