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H.B. No. 966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enforcement of requirements relating to the filing of certain financial statements and campaign finance reports.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 572.035 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.035. ACTION TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE. (a) A resident of this state may bring an action for injunctive or other appropriate relief against an individual to require the individual to file a financial statement under this subchapter that the individual has failed to timely file.

(b) The court shall award a plaintiff who prevails in an action under this section reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.043 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.043. ACTION TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE. (a) A resident of this state may bring an action for injunctive or other appropriate relief against a person to require the person to file a report under this chapter that the person has failed to timely file.

(b) The court shall award a plaintiff who prevails in an action under this section reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to an action that is

1 commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An action
2 that is commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed
3 by the law applicable to the action immediately before the
4 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
5 that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.