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H.B. No. 1010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the electronic filing of a personal financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 572.0305 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.0305. ELECTRONIC FILING AUTHORIZED. (a) The commission shall develop a system by which a financial statement required to be filed under this subchapter may be filed by computer diskette, CD-ROM, modem, or other means of electronic transfer, using computer software provided by the commission or computer software that meets commission specifications for a standard file format.

(b) Computer software provided or approved by the commission for use under this section must:

(1) use a standardized format for the entry of information;

(2) provide for secure and encoded transmission of data from the computer of a person filing the financial statement to the computers used by the commission;

(3) be capable of being used by a person with basic computing skills who uses a computer that uses a Windows operating system, Macintosh operating system, or another operating system that the commission determines is as popular as those systems for

1 use with personal computers; and

2 (4) permit a person using a computer to prepare a  
3 financial statement or to retrieve information from a financial  
4 statement to:

5 (A) import information to the statement from a  
6 variety of computer software applications that meet commission  
7 specifications for a standard file format without the need to  
8 reenter the information; and

9 (B) export information from the statement to a  
10 variety of computer software applications that meet commission  
11 specifications for a standard file format without the need to  
12 reenter the information.

13 SECTION 2. The Texas Ethics Commission shall implement the  
14 electronic filing system required by Section 572.0305, Government  
15 Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2004.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.