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S.B. No. 254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

~~[(1) the representation:~~

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

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

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

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

Sec. 572.021. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED. A state officer, a partisan or independent candidate for an office as an elected officer, and a party chairman shall file with the 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 Section 572.025, Government Code, is repealed.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.