

1-1 By: Bivins, Wentworth S.B. No. 254
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to representation of a person for compensation before an
1-9 executive state agency by a member of the legislature.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 572.052, Government
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A member of the legislature may not, for compensation,
1-14 represent another person before a state agency in the executive
1-15 branch of state government ~~[unless:~~

1-16 ~~[(1) the representation:~~

1-17 ~~[(A) is made in a proceeding that is adversary in~~
1-18 ~~nature or in another public hearing that is a matter of record, or~~

1-19 ~~[(B) involves the filing of documents, contacts~~
1-20 ~~with the agency, or other relations, that involve only ministerial~~
1-21 ~~acts on the part of the commission, agency, board, department, or~~
1-22 ~~officer, and~~

1-23 ~~[(2) the member discloses to the agency that the~~
1-24 ~~member is being compensated for the representation].~~

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 572.021, Government Code, is amended to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 572.021. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED. A state
1-28 officer, a partisan or independent candidate for an office as an
1-29 elected officer, and a party chairman shall file with the
1-30 commission a verified financial statement complying with Sections
1-31 572.022 through 572.024 ~~[572.025]~~.

1-32 SECTION 3. Section 572.025, Government Code, is repealed.

1-33 SECTION 4. This Act applies only to representation before
1-34 an executive state agency for which a member of the legislature is
1-35 hired on or after September 1, 2003. Representation for which a
1-36 member of the legislature was hired before September 1, 2003, and
1-37 the reporting of that registration are governed by the law in effect
1-38 at the time the member was hired, and that law is continued in
1-39 effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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