

1-1 By: Ratliff S.B. No. 755  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2003; March 5, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 3, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 3, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a disclosure of certain employment by an executive  
1-9 committee member of the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 487, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 487.059 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 487.059. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT. (a) In  
1-14 this section, "monetary award" means any money, fund, stipend,  
1-15 grant, scholarship, loan, or loan guarantee awarded under this  
1-16 chapter.

1-17 (b) This section applies to a member of the executive  
1-18 committee who is employed by:

1-19 (1) an entity that applies for a monetary award or  
1-20 offers to enter into a contract with the office; or

1-21 (2) an entity that is under common ownership or  
1-22 governance with or otherwise affiliated with an entity that applies  
1-23 for a monetary award or offers to enter into a contract with the  
1-24 office.

1-25 (c) The committee member shall, before a vote on the  
1-26 monetary award or contract, disclose the fact of the member's  
1-27 employment by the entity. The executive committee shall enter the  
1-28 disclosure into the minutes of the meeting at which a vote on the  
1-29 monetary award or contract is taken. The executive committee  
1-30 member may not vote on or otherwise participate in a discussion or  
1-31 any other activity that relates to awarding the monetary award or  
1-32 contract.

1-33 (d) If the executive committee member does not comply with  
1-34 this section, the entity is not eligible to be awarded the monetary  
1-35 award or contract.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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