

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 1606

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S.R. No. 1053

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08, to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill No. 1606, relating to ethics of public servants, including the functions and duties of the Texas Ethics Commission; the regulation of political contributions, political advertising, lobbying, and conduct of public servants; and the reporting of political contributions and personal financial information; providing civil and criminal penalties, to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text to Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, to read as follows:

SECTION 6.04. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.064 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.064. FILING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

(a) A trustee of an independent school district with an enrollment of at least 500 students shall file the financial statement required of state officers under Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, with:

(1) the board of trustees; and

(2) the Texas Ethics Commission.

(b) Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code:

(1) applies to a trustee subject to this section as if the trustee were a state officer; and

(2) governs the contents, timeliness of filing, and public inspection of a statement filed under this section.

(c) A trustee subject to this section commits an offense if the trustee fails to file the statement required by this section. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

Explanation: This change is necessary to require the filing of personal financial statements by members of the boards of trustees of certain school districts.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text to Chapter 60, Water Code, to read as follows:

SECTION 6.05. Chapter 60, Water Code, is amended by adding Subchapter O to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER O. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY  
MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY

Sec. 60.451. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a port authority or navigation district created or operating under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 60.452. FILING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY. (a) A member of the governing body of a port authority or navigation district shall file the financial statement required of state officers under Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, with:

(1) the authority or district, as appropriate; and

(2) the Texas Ethics Commission.

(b) Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code:

(1) applies to a member of the governing body of an authority or district as if the member were a state officer; and

(2) governs the contents, timeliness of filing, and public inspection of a statement filed under this section.

(c) A member of the governing body of an authority or district commits an offense if the member fails to file the statement required by this section. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

Explanation: This change is necessary to require the filing of personal financial statements by members of the governing bodies or boards of certain port authorities and navigation districts.

(3) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text to read as follows:

SECTION 6.08. Section 11.064, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning January 1, 2005. A trustee subject to Section 11.064, Education Code, as added by this Act, is not required to include financial activity occurring before January 1, 2004, in a financial disclosure statement under that section.

Explanation: This change is necessary to provide for the applicability of the requirement that members of the boards of trustees of certain school districts file personal financial statements.

(4) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the

committee to add text to read as follows:

SECTION 6.09. Subchapter O, Chapter 60, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning January 1, 2005. A member of the governing body of a port authority or navigation district subject to Subchapter O, Chapter 60, Water Code, is not required to include financial activity occurring before January 1, 2004, in a financial disclosure statement under Section 60.452, Water Code, as added by this Act.

Explanation: This change is necessary to provide for the applicability of the requirement that members of the governing bodies of certain port authorities and navigation districts file personal financial statements.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate