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H.B. No. 1800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to corrected reports, registrations, and statements filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 571.0771, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), a report does not substantially comply with the applicable law if it contains an error other than one of the following errors:

(1) an obvious typographical error;

(2) the omission of information required for the commission's administrative purposes;

(3) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported contribution or an unreported contribution, if the total of incorrectly reported or unreported contributions does not exceed:

(A) 10 percent of the total contributions reported on the corrected report; or

(B) \$10,000;

(4) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported contribution or an unreported contribution, if the total of incorrectly reported or unreported contributions does not exceed \$2,000;

(5) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported expenditure or an unreported expenditure, if the total of

1 incorrectly reported or unreported expenditures does not exceed:

2 (A) 10 percent of the total expenditures reported  
3 on the corrected report; or

4 (B) \$10,000;

5 (6) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported  
6 expenditure or an unreported expenditure, if the total of  
7 incorrectly reported or unreported expenditures does not exceed  
8 \$2,000;

9 (7) an error in the amount reported under Section  
10 254.031(a)(8), Election Code, if the correct amount does not:

11 (A) vary by more than 10 percent from the amount  
12 originally reported; or

13 (B) exceed \$10,000;

14 (8) an error in the amount reported under Section  
15 254.031(a)(8), Election Code, if the error in the amount originally  
16 reported does not exceed \$2,000; or

17 (9) a reporting error that the commission determines  
18 is, in context, minor.

19 SECTION 2. Section 571.0771(b-1), Government Code, as added  
20 by this Act, applies only to a report, registration, or statement  
21 required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission that is due on  
22 or after September 1, 2005. A report, registration, or statement  
23 required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission that is due  
24 before September 1, 2005, is governed by the law in effect on the  
25 date the report, registration, or statement is due, and the former  
26 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.