

1-1 By: Denny, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 1800  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2005;  
1-3 May 3, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 9, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to corrected reports, registrations, and statements filed  
1-9 with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 305.033, Government Code, is amended by  
1-12 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-13 (f) A registration or report filed by a registrant is not  
1-14 considered to be late for purposes of this section if the registrant  
1-15 files a corrected or amended registration or report not later than  
1-16 the 41st day after the date the registrant becomes aware of the  
1-17 error or omission in the registration or report originally filed.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 571.0771, Government Code, is amended by  
1-19 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-20 (b-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), a report does not  
1-21 substantially comply with the applicable law if it contains an  
1-22 error other than one of the following errors:

1-23 (1) an obvious typographical error;

1-24 (2) the omission of information required for the  
1-25 commission's administrative purposes;

1-26 (3) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported  
1-27 contribution or an unreported contribution, if the total of  
1-28 incorrectly reported or unreported contributions does not exceed  
1-29 the lesser of:

1-30 (A) 10 percent of the total contributions  
1-31 reported on the corrected report; or

1-32 (B) \$10,000;

1-33 (4) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported  
1-34 contribution or an unreported contribution, if the total of  
1-35 incorrectly reported or unreported contributions does not exceed  
1-36 \$2,000;

1-37 (5) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported  
1-38 expenditure or an unreported expenditure, if the total of  
1-39 incorrectly reported or unreported expenditures does not exceed the  
1-40 lesser of:

1-41 (A) 10 percent of the total expenditures reported  
1-42 on the corrected report; or

1-43 (B) \$10,000;

1-44 (6) one or more instances of an incorrectly reported  
1-45 expenditure or an unreported expenditure, if the total of  
1-46 incorrectly reported or unreported expenditures does not exceed  
1-47 \$2,000;

1-48 (7) an error in the amount reported under Section  
1-49 254.031(a)(8), Election Code, if the correct amount:

1-50 (A) does not vary by more than 10 percent from the  
1-51 amount originally reported; and

1-52 (B) does not exceed \$10,000;

1-53 (8) an error in the amount reported under Section  
1-54 254.031(a)(8), Election Code, if the error in the amount originally  
1-55 reported does not exceed \$2,000; or

1-56 (9) a reporting error that the commission determines  
1-57 is, in context, minor.

1-58 SECTION 3. Section 305.033(f), Government Code, as added by  
1-59 this Act, applies only to a registration or report required to be  
1-60 filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, that is due on or after  
1-61 September 1, 2005. A registration or report required to be filed  
1-62 under Chapter 305, Government Code, that is due before September 1,  
1-63 2005, is governed by the law in effect on the date the registration  
1-64 or report is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that

2-1 purpose.

2-2 SECTION 4. Section 571.0771(b-1), Government Code, as added  
2-3 by this Act, applies only to a report, registration, or statement  
2-4 required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission that is due on  
2-5 or after September 1, 2005. A report, registration, or statement  
2-6 required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission that is due  
2-7 before September 1, 2005, is governed by the law in effect on the  
2-8 date the report, registration, or statement is due, and the former  
2-9 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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