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H.B. No. 2783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the time for responding to notice of certain sworn  
3 complaints filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.1242(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) If the alleged violation is a Category One violation:

8 (1) the respondent must respond to the notice required  
9 by Section 571.123(b) not later than the 25th [~~10th~~] business day  
10 after the date the respondent receives the notice; and

11 (2) if the matter is not resolved by agreement between  
12 the commission and the respondent before the 45th [~~30th~~] business  
13 day after the date the respondent receives the notice under Section  
14 571.123(b), the commission shall set the matter for a preliminary  
15 review hearing to be held at the next commission meeting for which  
16 notice has not yet been posted.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to a sworn complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission on or  
19 after September 1, 2005. A sworn complaint filed with the Texas  
20 Ethics Commission before September 1, 2005, is governed by the law  
21 as it existed at the time the complaint was filed, and that law is  
22 continued in effect for that purpose.

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