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H.B. No. 2783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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