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H.B. No. 2826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to frivolous or bad-faith complaints filed with the Texas
3 Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.176, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) A person may file a sworn complaint with the commission,
8 in accordance with Section 571.122, alleging that a complaint filed
9 with the commission is frivolous or brought in bad faith. A
10 complaint may be filed under this subsection without regard to
11 whether the complaint alleged to be frivolous or brought in bad
12 faith is pending before the commission or has been resolved. The
13 commission shall act on a complaint made under this subsection as
14 provided by Subchapter E.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.