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AN ACT

relating to complaints against certain police officers and fire fighters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 614.021, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 614.021. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a complaint against:

(1) a law enforcement officer of the State of Texas, including an officer of the Department of Public Safety or of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(2) a fire fighter [~~who is not covered by a civil service statute~~]; or

(3) a police officer [~~who is not covered by a civil service statute~~].

SECTION 2. Section 614.023, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) If a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or police officer is required to respond to a complaint against the officer or fire fighter, a copy of the signed complaint shall be given to the officer or fire fighter within a reasonable time before the date on which the officer or fire fighter is required to respond.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only in relation to a complaint filed on or after the effective date of

1 this Act. A complaint filed before the effective date of this Act
2 is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint was
3 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.