

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2839  
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Elections  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In 2003 the legislature changed the number of days a salaried appointed officer or an appointed officer of a major state agency is required to fill out a personal finance statement from 30 days to 14 days. Consequently, the current law has caused many appointed officer a hardship to complete the personal financial statements in a timely manner. Current law, as recommended by the Texas Ethics Commission, should give appointed officers more time to fill out their personal financial statements. HB 2839 will extend the number of days that salaried appointed officers or appointed officers of major state agencies have, to fill out their personal financial statements from 14 days to 30 days.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2839 amends the Government Code to require an individual who is appointed to serve as a salaried appointed officer or appointed officer of a major state agency or who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office to file a financial statement not later than the 30th day after the date of appointment or the date of qualification for the office, or if confirmation by the senate is required, before the first committee hearing on the confirmation, whichever date is earlier.

The change in law made by this bill applies only to the filing of a financial statement by a person appointed to state office on or after the effective date of this bill.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.