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H.B. No. 1290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to penalties imposed by and the appeal of a decision of the  
3 Texas Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 571.133(a) and (b), Government Code,  
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) To appeal a final decision of the commission, the  
8 respondent or the respondent's agent [~~a person~~] may file a petition  
9 in a district court in Travis County or in the county in which the  
10 respondent resides.

11 (b) The petition must be filed not later than the 30th  
12 business day after the date the respondent [~~person~~] received the  
13 decision.

14 SECTION 2. Section 254.042, Election Code, is amended by  
15 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

16 (d) A person is not liable for a penalty under Subsection  
17 (b) if the person files the amended or corrected report before the  
18 person receives a notice under Subsection (a).

19 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
20 to a proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571, Government Code,  
21 with respect to which a preliminary review was begun on or after  
22 September 1, 2007. A proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571,  
23 Government Code, with respect to which a preliminary review was  
24 begun before September 1, 2007, is governed by the law as it existed

1 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect  
2 for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.