

AN ACT

relating to the appeal of a decision of the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571, Government Code, with respect to which a preliminary review was begun on or after September 1, 2007. A proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571, Government Code, with respect to which a preliminary review was begun before September 1, 2007, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1290 was passed by the House on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1290 on May 24, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1290 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor