

1-1 By: Macias, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 1290  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2007;  
1-3 May 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 15, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1290 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the appeal of a decision of the Texas Ethics Commission.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Sections 571.133(a) and (b), Government Code,  
1-13 are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) To appeal a final decision of the commission, the  
1-15 respondent or the respondent's agent [~~a person~~] may file a petition  
1-16 in a district court in Travis County or in the county in which the  
1-17 respondent resides.

1-18 (b) The petition must be filed not later than the 30th  
1-19 business day after the date the respondent [~~person~~] received the  
1-20 decision.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-22 to a proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571, Government Code,  
1-23 with respect to which a preliminary review was begun on or after  
1-24 September 1, 2007. A proceeding under Subchapter E, Chapter 571,  
1-25 Government Code, with respect to which a preliminary review was  
1-26 begun before September 1, 2007, is governed by the law as it existed  
1-27 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect  
1-28 for that purpose.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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