

AN ACT

relating to the provision of forms for personal financial statements filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 572.030, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall mail [~~two copies of the financial statement form~~] to each individual required to file under this subchapter a notice that:

(1) states that the individual is required to file a financial statement under this subchapter;

(2) identifies the filing dates for the financial statement as provided by Sections 572.026 and 572.027;

(3) describes the manner in which the individual may obtain the financial statement forms and instructions from the commission's Internet website;

(4) states that on request of the individual, the commission will mail to the individual a copy of the financial statement forms and instructions; and

(5) states, if applicable, the fee for mailing the forms and instructions and the manner in which the individual may pay the fee.

(c) The notice required by Subsection (b) [~~copies~~] must be

1 mailed:

2 (1) before the 30th day before the deadline for filing
3 the financial statement under Section 572.026(a) or (c), except as
4 otherwise provided by this subsection;

5 (2) not later than the 15th day after the applicable
6 deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot or a
7 declaration of write-in candidacy for candidates required to file
8 under Section 572.027(a), (b), or (c);

9 (3) not later than the seventh day after the date of
10 appointment for individuals required to file under Section
11 572.026(b), or if the legislature is in session, sooner if
12 possible; and

13 (4) not later than the fifth day after the date the
14 certificate of nomination is filed for candidates required to file
15 under Section 574.027(d).

16 (d) The commission shall mail a copy of the financial
17 statement forms and instructions to an individual not later than
18 the third business day after the date the commission receives the
19 individual's request for the forms and instructions.

20 (e) The commission may charge a fee for mailing the
21 financial statement forms and instructions to an individual. The
22 amount of the fee may not exceed the reasonable cost of producing
23 and mailing the forms and instructions.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1652 was passed by the House on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1652 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor