

By: Macias (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 1652
(In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;
April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
Affairs; May 11, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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
mailed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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