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H.B. No. 3940

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring the comptroller of public accounts to  
3 transfer funds to support the operations of the Texas Ethics  
4 Commission and the Public Integrity Unit in Travis County; making  
5 an appropriation.

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

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by  
8 adding Section 403.1031 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 403.1031. PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT OF TRAVIS COUNTY FUND.

10 (a) The Public Integrity Unit of Travis County Fund is a special  
11 fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The  
12 fund is exempt from the application of Sections 403.095 and  
13 404.071. Interest and income from the deposit of investment money  
14 in the fund must be allocated to the fund. Beginning September 1,  
15 2007, the comptroller of public accounts shall transfer from the  
16 first money coming into the treasury, not otherwise appropriated by  
17 the constitution, the sum of \$4,000,000 each fiscal year, adjusted  
18 annually for inflation, to the Public Integrity Unit of Travis  
19 County Fund.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of other law and in  
21 addition to any amounts appropriated by other law, the money  
22 deposited to the credit of the Texas Ethics Commission is hereby  
23 appropriated.

24 SECTION 2. Amend Chapter 571, Subchapter B, by adding

1 Section 571.033 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 571.033. TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FUND (a) The Texas  
3 Ethics Commission Fund is a special fund in the state treasury  
4 outside the general revenue fund. The fund is exempt from the  
5 application of Sections 403.095 and 404.071. Interest and income  
6 from the deposit of investment money in the fund must be allocated  
7 to the fund. Beginning September 1, 2007, the comptroller of public  
8 accounts shall transfer from the first money coming into the  
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, the sum  
10 of \$3,700,000 each fiscal year, adjusted annually for inflation, to  
11 the Texas Ethics Commission.

12 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of other law and in  
13 addition to any amounts appropriated by other law, the money  
14 deposited to the credit of the Texas Ethics Commission is hereby  
15 appropriated.

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