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H.B. No. 1204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a judge's staff and office equipment to prepare a response to certain complaints or allegations or to provide certain information.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0225 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0225. USE OF STAFF AND EQUIPMENT. A judge may request and receive the assistance of the judge's staff and use the judge's and staff's office equipment to:

(1) prepare for the commission a response to:

(A) a complaint; or

(B) a request for information related to an allegation or appearance of misconduct or disability; or

(2) provide other information requested by the commission.

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, 2009.