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H.B. No. 1827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas  
3 Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.122, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) An individual must be a registered voter of this state  
8 to be eligible to file a sworn complaint with the commission. The  
9 commission shall presume that an individual filing a sworn  
10 complaint is a registered voter of this state if a copy of the  
11 individual's voter registration certificate issued under Title 2,  
12 Election Code, is attached to the complaint.

13 SECTION 2. Section 571.122(b-1), Government Code, as added  
14 by this Act, applies only to a sworn complaint filed with the Texas  
15 Ethics Commission on or after September 1, 2009. A sworn complaint  
16 filed with the Texas Ethics Commission before September 1, 2009, is  
17 governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint is filed.  
18 For purposes of this section, a sworn complaint that is resubmitted  
19 as provided by Section 571.123, Government Code, is considered to  
20 have been filed on the date the complaint was originally filed.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.