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H.B. No. 3216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to telephone or electronic mail notification to a respondent of a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 571.123(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) After a complaint is filed, the commission shall immediately attempt to contact and notify the respondent of the complaint by telephone or electronic mail. If the commission fails to contact the respondent by telephone or electronic mail, the commission shall send written notice to the respondent. Not later than the fifth business day after the date a complaint is filed, the commission shall send written notice to the complainant and, unless it has previously done so, to the respondent. The written notice to the complainant and the respondent must:

(1) state whether the complaint complies with the form requirements of Section 571.122; and

(2) if applicable, include the information required by Section 571.124(e).

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.