

1-1 By: Naishtat (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3216
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009;
1-3 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 19, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3216 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to telephone or electronic mail notification to a
1-11 respondent of a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 571.123(b), Government Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (b) After a complaint is filed, the commission shall
1-16 immediately attempt to contact and notify the respondent of the
1-17 complaint by telephone or electronic mail. Not later than the fifth
1-18 business day after the date a complaint is filed, the commission
1-19 shall send written notice to the complainant and the respondent.
1-20 The written notice to the complainant and the respondent must:

1-21 (1) state whether the complaint complies with the form
1-22 requirements of Section 571.122; and

1-23 (2) if applicable, include the information required by
1-24 Section 571.124(e).

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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