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H.B. No. 1036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
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(b-1), Government Code, as added  
6 by Chapters 604 (H.B. 677) and 1166 (H.B. 3218), Acts of the 81st  
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b-1) To be eligible to file a sworn complaint with the  
10 commission, an individual must be a resident of this state or must  
11 own real property in this state. A copy of one of the following  
12 documents must be attached to the complaint:

13 (1) the complainant's driver's license or personal  
14 identification certificate issued under Chapter 521,  
15 Transportation Code, or commercial driver's license issued under  
16 Chapter 522, Transportation Code;

17 (2) a utility bill, bank statement, government check,  
18 paycheck, or other government document that:

19 (A) shows the name and address of the  
20 complainant; and

21 (B) is dated not more than 30 days before the date  
22 on which the complaint is filed; or

23 (3) a property tax bill, notice of appraised value, or  
24 other government document that:

- 1 (A) shows the name of the complainant;  
2 (B) shows the address of real property in this  
3 state; and  
4 (C) identifies the complainant as the owner of  
5 the real property.

6 SECTION 2. Section 571.1221, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 571.1221. DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT FILED AT DIRECTION OR  
9 URGING OF CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS [~~NONRESIDENT~~]. At any stage of a  
10 proceeding under this subchapter, the commission shall dismiss the  
11 complaint if the commission determines that the complaint was filed  
12 at the direction or urging of a person who:

- 13 (1) is not a resident of this state; or  
14 (2) does not own real property in this state.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.