



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 219 as follows:

2 Section 571.136, Government Code, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Sec. 571.136. DEADLINE FOR COMPLAINT RESOLUTION; EXTENSION
5 OF DEADLINE. (a) The commission shall complete a preliminary
6 review hearing regarding a complaint, including the commission's
7 decision, within 120 days of the day the respondent is sent the
8 information required by Section 571.123(b).

9 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), The the commission
10 may, on its own motion or on the reasonable request of a
11 respondent, extend any deadline for action relating to a sworn
12 complaint, motion, preliminary review hearing, or formal
13 hearing.

14 (c)(1) If a deadline under this chapter for an action
15 related to a preliminary review hearing or a formal hearing is
16 extended at the request of the respondent, Section 571.140(a)
17 does not apply to any matter related to the complaint.

18 (2) If a deadline under this chapter for an action related
19 to a preliminary review hearing or a formal hearing is extended
20 by the commission due to the failure of the complainant to
21 reasonably cooperate with the commission's processing of the
22 complaint, the commission may dismiss the complaint.

23 (3) If a deadline under this chapter is extended on the
24 commission's own motion, the extension shall be no longer than
25 is required by the circumstances. The commission shall state
26 the reason for the extension, including whether the extension is
27 due to a dispute or uncertainty regarding the facts related to
28 the alleged violation, the law applicable to the alleged
29 violation or both the facts of and the law applicable to the

1 alleged violation. If the reason for the extension is related
2 to the law applicable to the alleged violation, the commission
3 shall state the nature of the legal issues that caused the
4 commission to extend the deadline.

5 (d) Section 571.140(a) does not apply to a request for an
6 extension of a deadline, the reasons for the granting or denial
7 of an extension of a deadline or the dismissal of a complaint.