

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1773
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 25, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 4, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 4, 2013,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Duncan</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Deuell</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Ellis</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Fraser</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Huffman</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Nichols</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Van de Putte</u>	X		
1-17	<u>Williams</u>	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1773 By: Huffman

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of a select interim committee to review and
1-22 make recommendations for substantive changes to ethics laws.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. INTERIM STUDY REGARDING ETHICS LAWS. (a) A
1-25 select interim committee is created to study and review the
1-26 statutes and regulations related to ethics, including campaign
1-27 finance laws, lobby laws, and personal financial disclosure laws.

1-28 (b) The study must consider:

1-29 (1) the purposes of the current laws and whether the
1-30 laws accomplish those purposes;

1-31 (2) the effectiveness of the current laws; and

1-32 (3) what changes, if any, should be made to more
1-33 effectively accomplish the purposes of the laws.

1-34 (c) The committee is composed of:

1-35 (1) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor
1-36 as follows:

1-37 (A) three senators; and

1-38 (B) one member of the public;

1-39 (2) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
1-40 of representatives as follows:

1-41 (A) three state representatives; and

1-42 (B) one member of the public; and

1-43 (3) the presiding officer of the Texas Ethics
1-44 Commission on the effective date of this Act.

1-45 (d) The members of the committee shall elect a presiding
1-46 officer from among its members.

1-47 (e) The committee shall convene at the call of the presiding
1-48 officer.

1-49 (f) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
1-50 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and the
1-51 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government
1-52 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on
1-53 administration.

1-54 (g) Not later than December 20, 2014, the committee shall
1-55 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
1-56 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
1-57 and the governor. The committee shall include in its
1-58 recommendations specific statutory and rule changes that appear
1-59 necessary from the results of the committee's study under
1-60 Subsection (a) of this section.

2-1 (h) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
2-2 this Act, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
2-3 representatives shall appoint the members of the committee created
2-4 under this section.

2-5 (i) The Texas Legislative Council and the Texas Ethics
2-6 Commission shall provide any necessary staff and resources to the
2-7 committee created under this section.

2-8 SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE. The committee is
2-9 abolished and this Act expires December 21, 2014.

2-10 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
2-11 1, 2013.

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