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H.B. No. 3681

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the categorization of violations by the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 571, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 571.1213 to read as follows:

Sec. 571.1213. CATEGORIZATION OF VIOLATIONS. (a) The commission staff shall categorize, in ascending order of seriousness, each violation of law alleged in an inquiry or on a motion of the commission as:

(1) a technical, clerical, or de minimis violation;

(2) an administrative or filing violation; or

(3) a more serious violation.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules defining what violations of law are included in each category of violation.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.