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S.B. No. 716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the methods of delivery for required financial
3 statement forms sent to certain municipal officeholders and
4 candidates for municipal office.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 145.005(b), Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The clerk or secretary shall deliver at least one copy
9 of the form by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail or any other means
10 of electronic transfer [~~two copies of the form~~] to each municipal
11 officer or person who is appointed to a municipal office who is
12 required to file under this chapter within the time prescribed by
13 Section 572.030(c)(1), Government Code. The clerk or secretary
14 shall deliver [~~mail~~] a copy of the form to each candidate for a
15 municipal office filled by election who is required to file under
16 this chapter not later than the 10th day before the deadline for
17 filing the statement under Section 145.004(c).

18 SECTION 2. Section 145.009(c), Local Government Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that
21 the officer or candidate did not receive copies of the financial
22 statement form required to be delivered [~~mailed~~] to the officer or
23 candidate by this chapter.

24 SECTION 3. Section 145.005(b), Local Government Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to a financial statement due on or
2 after the effective date of this Act. A financial statement due
3 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
4 effect on the date the financial statement was due, and the former
5 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. Section 145.009(c), Local Government Code, as
7 amended by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or
8 after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before
9 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
10 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued
11 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense
12 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element
13 of the offense occurred before that date.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.