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S.B. No. 1299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission relating
3 to lobbyists or the reporting of political contributions or
4 expenditures.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 571.062, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a) The commission, on the affirmative vote of at least six
10 members of the commission, may adopt rules to administer this
11 chapter or any other law administered and enforced by the
12 commission, except as provided by Subsection (c).

13 (c) The commission may not by rule define a term for
14 purposes of Chapter 254, Election Code, or Chapter 305 of this code
15 or for purposes of the administration or enforcement of those laws.

16 SECTION 2. A rule adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission
17 before the effective date of this Act that defines a term for
18 purposes of Chapter 254, Election Code, or Chapter 305, Government
19 Code, or for purposes of the administration or enforcement of those
20 laws, has no effect. The Texas Ethics Commission shall modify its
21 rules as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act to
22 reflect the change in law made by Section 571.062(c), Government
23 Code, as added by this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.