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H.B. No. 791

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing certain individuals appointed by the governor
3 to state office to file required financial statements by certified
4 mail.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [572.0291](#), Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 572.0291. ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIRED. (a) Except as
9 provided by Subsection (b), a [A] financial statement filed with
10 the commission must be filed by computer diskette, modem, or other
11 means of electronic transfer, using computer software provided by
12 the commission or computer software that meets commission
13 specifications for a standard file format.

14 (b) An individual who was appointed to office by the
15 governor before December 31, 2016, and who is required to file a
16 financial statement with the commission under this subchapter may
17 file the financial statement by certified mail if the individual
18 does not own a personal computer or does not have access to the
19 Internet at the individual's residence. The filing by mail must be
20 in compliance with Section [572.029](#).

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.