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H.B. No. 3882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to lobbying by former statewide elected officers or members of their staffs; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 572.064 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.064. FORMER STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICER OR STAFF: LOBBYING RESTRICTED. (a) A former elected officer elected in a statewide election may not, before the second anniversary of the first day of the month following the date the person ceases to hold the office, engage in activities that require registration under Chapter 305.

(b) A person who is employed by and reports directly to an elected officer elected in a statewide election in the officer's official capacity may not, before the second anniversary of the date the person ceases to be employed by the elected officer, engage in activities that require registration under Chapter 305.

(c) A person who violates Subsection (a) or (b) commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Section 572.064, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a person who ceases to be a statewide elected officer on or after the effective date of this Act or a person who ceases to be employed by a statewide elected officer on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.