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S.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public availability of certain information related to criminal conduct in connection with an election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.006, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the ~~[The]~~ documents submitted under Subsection (a) are not considered public information until:

(1) the secretary of state makes a determination that the complaint received does not warrant an investigation; or

(2) if referred to the attorney general, the attorney general has completed the investigation or has made a determination that the complaint referred does not warrant an investigation.

(c) The following information related to a complaint referred under Subsection (a) is considered public information:

(1) the type of alleged criminal conduct referred to the attorney general by the secretary of state;

(2) the date a complaint is referred to the attorney general and the date an investigation is completed by the attorney general, identified by the type of alleged criminal conduct; and

(3) the number of complaints:

(A) referred to the attorney general by the

1 secretary of state;

2 (B) under investigation by the attorney general;

3 and

4 (C) dismissed by the attorney general.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.