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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the random drug testing of members of the legislature during a legislative session.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 571, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 571.080 to read as follows:

Sec. 571.080.  RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF LEGISLATORS. (a) In this section, "controlled substance" and "marihuana" have the meanings assigned by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code.

(b)  The commission by rule shall establish a program to randomly test members of the legislature for the use of controlled substances and marihuana during a legislative session. The program must provide for the random, unannounced drug testing of each member at times determined by the commission during a legislative session. The commission shall post on the commission's Internet website the results of each drug test or, if applicable, a statement that the member refused to comply with the commission's request for drug testing.

SECTION 2.  Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas Ethics Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 571.080, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.