

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to permitting the Texas Ethics Commission to provide
3 seminars and charge an attendance fee for those seminars.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.071, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) The commission may provide a seminar for persons
9 required to register under Chapter 305 that addresses issues
10 involving lobbying, political contributions and expenditures, and
11 other issues as determined by the commission. The commission may
12 charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to
13 cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of
14 providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees.

15 (d) The commission may provide a seminar that addresses the
16 laws administered and enforced by the commission and any other
17 relevant laws, as determined by the commission. The commission may
18 charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to
19 cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of
20 providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees.

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, 2019.