

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2284

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the representation of an individual or legal entity by a member of the legislature for compensation before a state agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 572.025, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 572.025. INFORMATION ABOUT LEGISLATORS' REPRESENTATION BEFORE EXECUTIVE STATE AGENCIES. A member of the legislature who represents another individual, business entity, state agency, government, governmental subdivision, special district, or other legal entity [~~person~~] for compensation before an executive state agency shall report on the financial statement:

(1) the name of the agency;

(2) the individual, business entity, state agency, government, governmental subdivision, special district, or other legal entity [~~person~~] represented by the member; and

(3) the category of the amount of compensation received by the member for that representation.

SECTION 2. Section 572.052(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A member of the legislature may not, for compensation, represent another individual, business entity, state agency, government, governmental subdivision, special district, or other legal entity [~~person~~] before a state agency in the executive branch

1 of state government unless the representation:

2 (1) is pursuant to an attorney-client relationship in
3 a criminal law matter; or

4 (2) involves the filing of documents that involve only
5 ministerial acts on the part of the commission, agency, board,
6 department, or officer.

7 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
8 572.025, Government Code, apply only to a financial statement due
9 on or after the effective date of this Act. A financial statement
10 due before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
11 effect on the date the financial statement was due, and the former
12 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section
14 572.052, Government Code, applies only to an offense committed on
15 or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this
16 section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this
17 Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

18 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
19 Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.