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By:  Jetton H.B. No. 4344

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4344:

By:  Middleton C.S.H.B. No. 4344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dismissal of a complaint filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0331 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0331.  DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the commission shall dismiss each complaint filed with the commission that the commission has not formally dismissed or for which the commission has not imposed sanctions or instituted proceedings on or before the first Monday following the 455th day after the date the commission receives the complaint.

(b)  The chairperson may determine on the executive director's recommendation that extenuating circumstances, including a need for further investigation, require additional time not to exceed 120 days for disposal of a complaint that is subject to dismissal under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  Section 33.0331, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.