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H.B. No. 1704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to filing and publishing lobbyist activity reports.

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

SECTION 1. Section 305.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 305.007. FILING DATES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS. (a) The registrant must file the report required by Section 305.006 not later than ~~[between]~~ the 1st ~~[and 10th]~~ day of each month. Subject to Section 305.0071, the report must cover the activities occurring during the previous month.

(b) A person who made expenditures on the registrant's behalf that are required to be reported under Section 305.006 or a person who has other information that is required to be reported by the registrant under this chapter shall provide a full, verified account of the expenditures to the registrant not later than the ~~[seventh day before the]~~ date on which the registrant's report is due.

SECTION 2. Section 305.0071(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by this section, ~~[section]~~ ~~[(1)]~~ an expenditure is not required to be included in a report under Section 305.006 for a month before the month in which the amount is readily determinable by the person making the expenditure ~~[, and~~

1           ~~[(2) an expenditure is not required to be included in a~~  
2 ~~report under Section 305.0063 for a calendar year before the year in~~  
3 ~~which the amount is readily determinable by the person making the~~  
4 ~~expenditure].~~

5           SECTION 3. Section 305.009, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7           (f) Not later than the 15th day of each month, the  
8 commission shall make available on its website the information  
9 included in a report:

10                 (1) filed under Section 305.006; and

11                 (2) covering activities occurring in the previous  
12 month.

13           SECTION 4. Section 305.0063, Government Code, is repealed.

14           SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
15 a report required to be filed under Section 305.006, Government  
16 Code, on or after January 1, 2022. A report required to be filed  
17 under Section 305.006, Government Code, before January 1, 2022, is  
18 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
19 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
20 purpose.

21           SECTION 6. The repeal by this Act of Section 305.0063,  
22 Government Code, does not affect an election to file an activities  
23 report under that section that is made before the effective date of  
24 this Act. An election to file an activities report under former  
25 Section 305.0063, Government Code, that is made before the  
26 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
27 date the election was made, and the former law is continued in

1 effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect December 1, 2021.