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H.B. No. 4344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the dismissal of a complaint filed with the State
3 Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

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

7 Sec. 33.0331. DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT. (a) Subject to
8 Subsection (b), the commission shall dismiss each complaint filed
9 with the commission that the commission has not formally dismissed
10 or for which the commission has not imposed sanctions or instituted
11 proceedings on or before the first Monday following the 365th day
12 after the date the commission receives the complaint.

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

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

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