

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

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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 455th 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,
15 including a need for further investigation, require additional time
16 not to exceed 120 days for disposal of a complaint that is subject
17 to dismissal under Subsection (a).

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

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