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S.B. No. 869

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the deadline for the Texas Ethics Commission to resolve  
3 certain complaints.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.1242(h), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (h) Notwithstanding any other law, including Sections  
8 571.1244 and 571.136:

9 (1) the [The] deadline under Subsection (g) is tolled  
10 only for the duration of any litigation brought by the respondent or  
11 the commission regarding the complaint at issue; and

12 (2) the commission may not toll or extend the deadline  
13 under Subsection (g) for a duration other than the duration  
14 described by Subdivision (1) or adopt or enforce a rule to toll or  
15 extend the deadline for a duration other than the duration  
16 described by that subdivision.

17 SECTION 2. Section 571.1242(h), Government Code, as amended  
18 by this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics  
19 Commission under Chapter 571, Government Code, on or after the  
20 effective date of this Act. A complaint filed with the Texas Ethics  
21 Commission under that chapter before the effective date of this Act  
22 is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint was  
23 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.