

1 AN ACT

2 relating to frivolous or bad-faith complaints filed with the Texas
3 Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.176, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) A person may file a sworn complaint with the commission,
8 in accordance with Section 571.122, alleging that a complaint
9 relating to that person filed with the commission is frivolous or
10 brought in bad faith. A complaint may be filed under this
11 subsection without regard to whether the complaint alleged to be
12 frivolous or brought in bad faith is pending before the commission
13 or has been resolved. The commission shall act on a complaint made
14 under this subsection as provided by Subchapter E.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Cullum

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2826 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hancy
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2826 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

18 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Roger Williams
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