

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a person representing another person before a state agency for compensation is required to register certain personal information with the state agency. The state agency is then responsible for sending those reports to the secretary of state. This bill requires the state agencies to send the reports to the Texas Ethics Commission, rather than the secretary of state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1448 sets forth provisions regarding the representation before state agencies by state officers and employees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 2004.004(b) and (c), Government Code, to require a state agency to file a report that includes the information from all registration filed with the state agency in a calendar quarter with the Texas Ethics Commission, rather than the secretary of state, not later than a certain date. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 571.030(b), Government Code, to authorize the money in the state ethics fund to be appropriated only to the Texas Ethics Commission to administer and enforce Chapter 2004.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 571.061(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 571.091(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. Requires the secretary of state to transfer to the Texas Ethics Commission all reports filed with the secretary of state under Chapter 2004, Government Code, by a certain date and under certain conditions.

SECTION 7. Emergency clause.