

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, state agencies are required to file disclosure reports every fiscal calendar quarter. S.B. 1333 would require the disclosure report to contain a statement on whether the registrant has received or expects to receive any money, item of value, or financial benefit for the appearance before, or contact with, the state agency. S.B. 1333 would transfer the duty of filing registrations before state agencies from the secretary of state's office to the Texas Ethics Commission.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1333 outlines provisions regarding reporting of 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 with the Texas Ethics Commission (commission), rather than the secretary of state. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 571.030(b), Government Code, to authorize money in the state ethics fund to be appropriated only to the commission to administer and enforce this chapter, Chapters 302, 305, 572, 2004, and Title 15, Election Code.

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

SECTION 4. Amends Section 571.091(a), Government Code, to require the commission to prepare a written opinion answering the request of a person subject to Chapter 2004, among others, for an opinion about the application of any of these laws to the person in regard to a specified existing or hypothetical factual situation.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. Requires the secretary of state to transfer to the commission all reports filed with the secretary of state under Chapter 2004, Government Code, that the secretary of state is required to maintain under Section 2004.004(c), Government Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act, not later than September 15, 1997.

SECTION 7. Emergency clause.