

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2003, the 78th Legislature changed the number of days a person appointed to certain state offices is given to submit a personal finance statement from 30 days after the appointment to 14 days after the appointment. This 14-day filing requirement applies to anyone appointed to serve as a salaried appointed officer, an appointed officer of a major state agency, or a person appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office. The shorter 14-day time frame to collect and report financial information has caused a hardship to newly appointed persons.

H.B. 2839 extends the number of days that newly appointed officers have to file their personal financial statements from 14 days to 30 days.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 572.026(b), Government Code, to require an individual who is appointed to serve as a salaried appointed officer or an appointed officer of a major state agency or who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office to file a financial statement not later than the 30th, rather than the 14th, day after the date of appointment or the date of qualification for the office, or if confirmation by the senate is required, before the first committee hearing on the confirmation, whichever date is earlier.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.