

AN ACT

relating to appropriating amounts received from the increase in the amount of lobby registration fees under Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The additional revenue generated by the increase in the amount of lobby registration fees under Section 305.0064, Government Code, as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, collected during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Ethics Commission is appropriated, in an amount not to exceed \$267,400, to the Texas Ethics Commission for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system for lobbyists, as required by Section 305.0064.

(b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in connection with administering Section 305.0064, Government Code, as added by Chapter 249, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
5 legislative session.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jon Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 29 was passed by the House on September 17, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Robert Hardy  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 29 was passed by the Senate on September 24, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Patricia Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I certify that the amounts appropriated in the herein H.B. No. 29, 3rd Called Session of the 78th Legislature, are within amounts estimated to be available in the affected fund.

Certified 10/10/2003  
*Carole Keeton Stroger*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

APPROVED: 13 Oct 03

Date

*Rick Perry*  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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Secretary of State