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H.B. No. 1246

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the methods of delivery for required financial statement forms sent to certain municipal officeholders and candidates for municipal office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 145.005(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The clerk or secretary shall deliver at least one copy of the form by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail or any other means of electronic transfer ~~[two copies of the form]~~ to each municipal officer or person who is appointed to a municipal office who is required to file under this chapter within the time prescribed by Section 572.030(c)(1), Government Code. The clerk or secretary shall deliver ~~[mail]~~ a copy of the form to each candidate for a municipal office filled by election who is required to file under this chapter not later than the 10th day before the deadline for filing the statement under Section 145.004(c).

SECTION 2. Section 145.009(c), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the officer or candidate did not receive copies of the financial statement form required to be delivered ~~[mailed]~~ to the officer or candidate by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 145.005(b), Local Government Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to a financial statement due on or
2 after the effective date of this Act. A financial statement due
3 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
4 effect on the date the financial statement was due, and the former
5 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. Section [145.009\(c\)](#), Local Government Code, as
7 amended by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or
8 after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before
9 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
10 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued
11 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense
12 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element
13 of the offense occurred before that date.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.