

CHAPTER 551

H.B. No. 1965

An Act relating to the timeliness of registrations and reports filed under the law regulating lobbyist activities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 422, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 6252-9c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 6A to read as follows:

Sec. 6A. TIMELINESS OF FILING REGISTRATIONS AND REPORTS. *A registration or report filed by first-class United States mail or by common or contract carrier is timely if:*

(1) it is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid; and

(2) it bears a post office cancellation mark or a receipt mark from a common or contract carrier indicating a time within the applicable filing period or before the applicable filing deadline, or if the person required to file furnishes satisfactory proof that it was deposited in the mail or with a common or contract carrier within that period or before that deadline.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985