

CHAPTER 466

H.B. No. 1966

An Act relating to the filing of financial statements by persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices and to the secretary of state's duty to send copies of the financial statement form to certain persons.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 3(b), (e), and (f), Chapter 421, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 6252-9b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(b) In the case of appointments of salaried appointed officers, *appointments to fill vacancies in elective offices*, and appointed officers of major state agencies on and after the effective date of this Act, each appointee shall file the financial statement within 30 days after the date of his appointment or the date he qualifies for the office, or if confirmation by the senate is required, before his confirmation, whichever is earlier.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, at least 30 days before the deadline date for the filing of a financial statement by each individual required to file, the secretary of state shall mail to the individual two copies of the financial statement form. In the case of candidates other than those covered by Subsection (f) of this section, the forms shall be mailed within 10 days after the filing deadline date. In the case of appointments of salaried appointed officers, *appointments to fill vacancies in elective offices*, and appointed officers of major state agencies, the forms shall be mailed within seven days after the date of the appointment, or if the legislature is in session, sooner if possible.

(f) Any person nominated to fill a vacancy in a nomination as a candidate for a position as an elected officer as provided in Section 233, Texas Election Code, as amended (Article 13.56, Vernon's Texas Election Code), must file the financial statement within 15 days after the date on which the certificate of nomination required by Subsection (b) or (c), Section 233, Texas Election Code, as amended (Article 13.56, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is filed. The secretary of state shall send copies of the financial statement form to the nominee ~~by registered or certified mail~~ within five days after the date the certificate of nomination is filed.

SECTION 2. This Act applies to a person appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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.

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 11, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985