

CHAPTER 596

H.B. No. 1357

AN ACT

relating to a complainant's right to appear before the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 33.022, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.022. **COMPLAINANT'S AND JUDGE'S RIGHTS.**

SECTION 2. Section 33.022(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In the conduct of an investigation the judge shall be informed in writing that an investigation has commenced and of the nature of the matters being investigated. At the conclusion of the investigation, the commission shall determine whether formal proceedings [~~(under Subsection (b) [of this section])~~] shall be had. *The complainant, if any, is entitled to appear before the commission at any formal proceedings and give testimony regarding the matters being investigated.* If the commission decides no further proceedings are warranted, the chairman of the commission shall so notify *the complainant, if any, and* the judge in writing.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993, and applies to an investigation of judicial conduct under Chapter 33, Government Code, that is pending on the effective date of this Act, without regard to whether the investigation was commenced before or is commenced on or after the effective date of this Act, and in which, on the effective date of this Act, formal proceedings under Section 33.022(b), Government Code, have not been commenced.

SECTION 4. 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 8, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 13, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.