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S.B. No. 418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requests by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct
for certain records held by court reporters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.030, Government Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) If an official court reporter has made a backup audio
media recording of a court proceeding, the court reporter on
request of the commission shall produce to the commission at no cost
to the commission a true and correct copy of the backup audio media
recording.

SECTION 2. Section 52.046, Government Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) An official court reporter who does not comply with a
request to produce a copy of a backup audio media recording under
Section 33.030 is considered to have committed a wilful or
negligent violation or failure of duty for purposes of Section
154.110.

SECTION 3. Section 52.046, Government Code, as amended by
this Act, applies only to conduct that occurs on or after the
effective date of this Act. Conduct that occurs before the
effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect
for that purpose.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 15, 2015.