1-1 Zaffirini By: S.B. No. 62 (In the Senate - Filed November 9, 2020; March 3, 2021, read 1-2 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; April 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 19, 2021, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

1-6		COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	Х			
1-9	Birdwell	Х			
1-10	Campbell	Х			
1-11	Hall	Х			
1-12	Lucio			Х	
1-13	Nelson	Х			
1-14	Powell	Х			
1-15	Schwertner	Х			
1-16	Zaffirini	Х			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to permitting the Texas Ethics Commission to provide seminars and charge an attendance fee for those seminars. 1-20

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

1-21 1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 571.071, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as 1-24 follows:

(c) The commission may provide a seminar for persons required to register under Chapter 305 that addresses issues involving lobbying, political contributions and expenditures, and 1-25 1-26 1-27 1-28 other issues as determined by the commission. The commission may 1-29 charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of 1-30 providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees. 1-31

(d) The commission may provide a seminar that addresses the administered and enforced by the commission and any other 1-32 1-33 laws relevant laws, as determined by the commission. The commission may 1-34 1-35 charge a fee for attending the seminar in an amount necessary to 1-36 cover the costs associated with the seminar, including the cost of providing food or nonalcoholic beverages to attendees. SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-37

1-38 1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-40 1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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