

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 2782
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2025,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
1-5 May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to discovery requirements related to sworn complaints made
1-22 to the Texas Ethics Commission.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 571.1242, Government Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

1-26 (k) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission by rule
1-27 shall require commission staff and a respondent to agree to a
1-28 discovery control plan that outlines procedures for conducting
1-29 discovery under this section in connection with a sworn complaint.
1-30 The discovery control plan must:

1-31 (1) be approved by the commission before discovery
1-32 begins;

1-33 (2) comply with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure,
1-34 except that the commission shall determine the level of discovery
1-35 under Rule 190, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, appropriate for the
1-36 category of the violation alleged in a complaint;

1-37 (3) establish discovery limits and a deadline by which
1-38 discovery must be completed; and

1-39 (4) establish a deadline by which the commission must:

1-40 (A) propose an agreement to the respondent to
1-41 settle the complaint without holding a preliminary hearing; or

1-42 (B) dismiss the complaint.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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