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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Will Letts

Amend C.S.S.B. No. 219 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE ____ . CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION TO
THE TEXAS COMPLIANCE COMMISSION

SECTION ____ .01. The heading to Chapter 571, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 571. TEXAS COMPLIANCE [~~ETHICS~~] COMMISSION

SECTION ____ .02. Section 571.002(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Compliance [~~Ethics~~] Commission.

SECTION ____ .03. Subchapter A, Chapter 571, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 571.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 571.003. REFERENCE TO TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION. A reference in law to the Texas Ethics Commission means the Texas Compliance Commission.

SECTION ____ .04. (a) Effective January 1, 2014:

(1) the name of the Texas Ethics Commission is changed to the Texas Compliance Commission, and all powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Ethics Commission are the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Compliance Commission;

(2) a member of the Texas Ethics Commission is a member of the Texas Compliance Commission; and

(3) any appropriation to the Texas Ethics Commission is an appropriation to the Texas Compliance Commission.

(b) Effective January 1, 2014, a reference in law to the Texas Ethics Commission is a reference to the Texas Compliance

1 Commission.

2 (c) The Texas Compliance Commission is the successor to the
3 Texas Ethics Commission in all respects. All personnel, equipment,
4 data, documents, facilities, contracts, items, other property,
5 rules, decisions, and proceedings of or involving the Texas Ethics
6 Commission are unaffected by the change in the name of the agency.

7 (d) The Texas Ethics Commission shall adopt a timetable for
8 phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the
9 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2014, to allow
10 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance
11 with the timetable established as required by this section, the
12 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Texas Ethics
13 Commission as the Texas Ethics Commission or as the Texas
14 Compliance Commission. Any act of the Texas Ethics Commission
15 acting as the Texas Compliance Commission on or after the effective
16 date of this Act and before January 1, 2014, is an act of the Texas
17 Ethics Commission.