

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 504
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2017; January 30, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 February 2, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 2, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating
1-20 an offense.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 572, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 572.062 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 572.062. FORMER LEGISLATOR: LOBBYING RESTRICTED;
1-25 CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) In this section:

1-26 (1) "Administrative action," "communicates directly
1-27 with," "legislation," "member of the executive branch," and "member
1-28 of the legislative branch" have the meanings assigned by Section
1-29 305.002.

1-30 (2) "Legislative cycle" means the two-year period
1-31 beginning on the first day of a regular legislative session and
1-32 ending on the day before the first day of the succeeding regular
1-33 legislative session.

1-34 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a former member of
1-35 the legislature may not engage in activities that require
1-36 registration under Chapter 305 before the end of the legislative
1-37 cycle following the legislative cycle in which the former member
1-38 last served as a member of the legislature.

1-39 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a former member who
1-40 does not receive compensation other than reimbursement for actual
1-41 expenses for communicating directly with a member of the
1-42 legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
1-43 administrative action.

1-44 (d) A former member who violates this section commits an
1-45 offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 572.062, Government Code, as added by
1-47 this Act, applies only to a member of the legislature who ceases to
1-48 be a member after the effective date of this Act.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 8, 2019.

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