

Conflict of Interest

At its August 7, 2015, meeting, the commission adopted updated Forms CIS and CIQ as required by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session, which becomes effective September 1, 2015. Please note that the commission does NOT have jurisdiction to interpret or enforce Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code. Prior to H.B. 23, the Office of the Attorney General issued the following advisory opinion: Opinion No. GA-0446. Also, please note that these forms are NOT filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Local government officers and vendors may be subject to the disclosure and reporting requirements of Chapter 176. Additional information regarding these requirements can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission website: <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/> or in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/lg.toc.htm>.

The 2012 Texas Conflict of Interest Laws Made Easy answers the most frequently asked questions about the Texas Conflict of Interest Laws. Please refer to this Texas Attorney General of Texas' publication for additional information related to the completion of a CIS or CIQ.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 176.003 of the Local Government Code requires certain local government officers to file this form. A "local government officer" is defined as a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. This form is required to be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of this statement.

A local government officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly violates Section 176.003, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor. Please refer to chapter 176 of the Local Government Code for detailed information regarding the requirement to file this form.

Local Government Officers