

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

JOAN BONNER,

RESPONDENT

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BEFORE THE

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

SC-230748

FINAL ORDER

The Texas Ethics Commission, having heard this case and voting to find a violation of laws under its jurisdiction, makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

Findings of Fact

1. The respondent is Joan Bonner, whose last known mailing address is 115 Meadowbrook Drive, P. O. Box 304, Hutchins, Texas, 75141-4055. A sworn complaint was filed with the Texas Ethics Commission against the respondent on July 30, 2003. The Notice of Hearing was mailed to the respondent on June 8, 2004, by certified mail, return receipt requested, restricted delivery.
2. The preliminary review hearing was held on July 16, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., by the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin, Texas.
3. The respondent did not file a reply to the Notice of Hearing and did not appear at the hearing.
4. The respondent failed to file a 30-day pre-election report by the April 3, 2003, deadline.
5. The respondent failed to file an 8-day pre-election report by the April 25, 2003, deadline.
6. The respondent failed to file a semiannual report by the July 15, 2003, deadline.

Conclusions of Law

1. Disposition of this case is within the jurisdiction of the Texas Ethics Commission. GOV'T CODE § 571.061
2. The respondent received legally sufficient notice of the hearing in this case. GOV'T CODE § 571.032 and 1 T.A.C. § 12.21.

3. The allegations in the Notice of Hearing were deemed admitted as true in accordance with sections 12.33 and 155.55, 1 Texas Administrative Code; sections 2001.058, 2003.021, and 2003.050 of the Government Code.
4. By failing to file a 30-day pre-election report by the April 3, 2003, deadline, the respondent violated section 254.064 of the Election Code.
5. By failing to file an 8-day pre-election report by the April 25, 2003, deadline, the respondent violated section 254.064 of the Election Code.
6. By failing to file a semiannual report by the July 15, 2003, deadline, the respondent violated section 254.063 of the Election Code.
7. The Texas Ethics Commission may impose a sanction against the respondent of not more than \$5,000 or triple the amount at issue, whichever amount is greater. GOV'T CODE § 571.173.

Therefore, the Texas Ethics Commission orders that:

1. The respondent pay to the Texas Ethics Commission, within 30 days of the date of this order, a civil penalty in the amount of \$800.

Date: _____

FOR THE COMMISSION

Sarah Woelk
Acting Executive Director
Texas Ethics Commission