

Ethics Commission OKs per diem, emergency rules

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Legislators can eat and drink again on the public's tab, or, if they choose, as the guest of lobbyists within a matter of days. In its first official meeting, the newly created Texas Ethics Commission authorized a new per diem for lawmakers and approved a complicated set of emergency regulations for lobbyists.

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Legislators who are paid a salary of \$2,200 per year, can still be entertained by lobbyists, but the new rules restrict the amount of reporting of the expenses.

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Senator: Extra \$150 million in state revenue is not there

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Estimates that state revenue collections had produced an unexpected \$150 million windfall were called irresponsible by a state Sen. Monday, who said they raised false hopes that a state employee pay raise could be funded.

Capital briefs

Inmate gets reprieve at behest of the pope
Gov. Ann Richards, who said she received personal appeal from Pope John Paul II, granted a 30-day reprieve last Monday to a man convicted of raping and killing a 76-year-old man at a convent.

Term-limit measure sponsored at behest of the pope

Sen. Ted Rivas, R-Amarillo, announced Monday that he and state Sen. David Sibby, R-Waco, are co-sponsoring a constitutional amendment to limit the number of terms state elected officials can serve.

Profile of suspect narrows focus in yogurt case



from the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the FBI, the DPS, the Travis County Sheriff's Department and the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

Proposed pay increase for selected state employees

Table with 3 columns: Position, 1992 Salary, Proposed Salary. Rows include Deputy commissioner, Dept. of Health, and various other positions.

Plans could mean raises for some state employees

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agency more competitive with local school districts and other educational institutions, said Joy Lenoza, spokesman for the agency.

Modeling business workers struggle for answers in slaying

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Spoker vacancy bid withdrawn

Rep. Billy Claxton, D-Pollock, said Monday he was dropping his bid to declare the House speaker's chair vacant.

6 We just haven't been able to compete

—Joy Lenoza, TEA spokesman
budget board and the governor were to review the salary recommendations.

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