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**CHILI COOKOFF Entry Form**

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## State

# State asked to regulate abusive debt collectors

**United Press International**  
 AUSTIN — Consumers Union Inc. and the Legal Aid Society of Central Texas filed a petition before the state Finance Commission yesterday requesting new rules be drafted to regulate debt collection practices by finance companies.

Stephen Gardner, an attorney for the Legal Aid Society, said that although there are regulations governing the collection of debts, they are too vague and subject to abuse.

"I have no doubt that some of these companies would take a security interest on a first-born male son if they could," Gardner said.

In their petition, the two groups ask that the office of the Consumer Credit Commissioner incorporate five new provisions into the regulations covering debt collection.

The proposed regulations would prohibit finance companies from publicizing a consumer's debt, calling the debtor at work or contacting a third party about the debt.

They also ask that when it becomes apparent the consumer is unable to pay there be a provision under which the finance company would have to cease contacting the consumer.

"While we believe they are entitled to collect their debts," Gardner said, "some methods go too far."

Finally the groups ask that a rule be created barring the companies from using threats or other unconscionable means.

Gardner said that under current law, a consumer can ensure his protection only by filing a suit for unethical collection practices. The proposed rules, Gardner said, would make clear what constitutes a violation of a consumer's rights.

According to Gardner, abusive collection practices are the exception rather than the rule in the finance companies.

"It's not a case of one bad apple spoiling the whole bunch," Gardner said.

Gardner said that in one case handled, a man who had lost his job and was confined to a wheelchair was threatened by collectors who called him "a dead-end cripple."

But in most cases, Gardner said, the abuse comes through repeated phone calls and threats.

The Finance Commission has 60 days in which to grant or deny the petition. If it is granted, public hearings will be held on the proposed changes. If they deny the petition their reason for the denial must be given in writing.

## Hughes' relatives claim cousin not of blood line

**United Press International**  
 HOUSTON — A distant relative claims Howard Hughes' supposed first cousin, Elspeth Hughes Lapp, was not a natural relative, but an imposter outside the Hughes blood line.

Robert C. Hughes, 55, an agribusiness teacher from Wilsonville, Ala., testified early this week before the jury hearing opposing claims to paternal shares of Hughes' fortune.

His was the second of two theories posed by distant cousins trying to defeat the claims of five people who claim to be closer relatives.

Others opposing claims by Lapp's heirs have argued that she was fathered by one of nine men named adulterers with her mother in her divorce from Hughes' uncle, Rupert, in 1902.

Robert Hughes testified his Uncle John Hughes told him in the 1930s Rupert's real daughter, Lelia, drowned in Rupert's Los Angeles swimming pool in 1921 and somehow was replaced by Elspeth.

Robert Hughes said he took instruction in his family's history from John Hughes, who he succeeded as family historian. He said he saw documents supporting his claim in his uncle John's trunk, which burned in 1942.

Robert Hughes testified his uncle told him that when Elspeth's three daughters would try to claim the estate, only he would have the information to oppose them.

"He made it his business to keep up with what was happening with Rupert Hughes and he could lay the material out and show me what had happened," Robert Hughes said.

In order to have a chance at the inheritance, the distant claimants must prove Elspeth was not the Hughes blood line, either legitimate or an imposter, and that her heirs therefore cannot be related to Howard Hughes.

Hughes died in 1976 leaving an estate estimated at \$163 million, \$1.2 billion.

Probate Judge Pat Gregory earlier ruled Hughes left no wives, children, brothers, sisters or living parents and awarded the maternal share of the Hughes estate to 14 living heirs of his mother.

A six-member jury is being asked to decide whether Elspeth Hughes Lapp was a legitimate child of Rupert Hughes. If she was, it fosters claims by her daughters, step-sister and estate of her step-brother.

Earlier, a lawyer for 400 distant cousins attacked a 1977 agreement to divide the estate among 22 close relatives, including the five who claim to be Elspeth's heirs.

Attorney George Parham said outside the hearing of the jury pact in effect requires close family members to testify Elspeth was legitimate heir.

Parham pointed to a clause in the agreement specifying any voluntary to the agreement trying to overturn it will be excluded from division of the estate.

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