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S.B. No. 1761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of certain reports of political contributions and expenditures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 254.036, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) In prescribing the format of a report filed under this chapter, including a report filed with an authority other than the commission under Subsection (a), the commission shall ensure that the report requires for political expenditures made with a credit card that:

(1) the expenditures be reported in a single itemized list; and

(2) the list include, stated by credit card issuer:

(A) the name of the credit card issuer;

(B) the date and amount of each expenditure; and

(C) the date the credit card issuer was repaid for the expenditure.

SECTION 2. Section 254.038(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A report under this section shall be filed electronically, by ~~telegram or~~ telephonic facsimile machine, or by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission must receive a report under this section filed by ~~telegram,~~

1 telephonic facsimile machine~~[7]~~ or hand not later than 5 p.m. of the  
2 first business day after the date the contribution is accepted. The  
3 commission must receive a report under this section filed  
4 electronically not later than midnight of the first business day  
5 after the date the contribution is accepted. A report under this  
6 section is not required to be accompanied by the affidavit required  
7 under Section 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by  
8 the commission. A report under this section that complies with  
9 Section 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under  
10 Section 254.036(c)(1) unless the candidate or committee has  
11 submitted an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1) with another  
12 report filed in connection with the election for which a report is  
13 required under this section.

14 SECTION 3. Section 254.039(a-1), Election Code, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 (a-1) A report under this section shall be filed  
17 electronically, by ~~[telegram or]~~ telephonic facsimile machine, or  
18 by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission  
19 must receive a report under this section not later than 5 p.m. of  
20 the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted  
21 or the expenditure is made. A report under this section is not  
22 required to be accompanied by the affidavit required under Section  
23 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by the  
24 commission. A report under this section that complies with Section  
25 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under Section  
26 254.036(c)(1) unless the committee has submitted an affidavit under  
27 Section 254.036(c)(1) with another report filed in connection with

1 the election for which a report is required under this section.

2           SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
3 a report of political contributions and expenditures that is filed  
4 on or after the effective date of this Act. A report filed before  
5 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at  
6 the time the report was filed, and the former law is continued in  
7 effect for that purpose.

8           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.