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H.B. No. 3565

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to special reports of political contributions received by candidates for certain offices.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.0645 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.0645. SPECIAL REPORT BY CERTAIN CANDIDATES. (a)

In addition to other reports required by this chapter, the following candidates shall file additional reports with the commission during the period beginning January 1 and ending the ninth day before election day:

(1) a candidate for state senator, state representative, or the State Board of Education who accepts during that reporting period political contributions from one person that in the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

(2) a candidate for a statewide office who accepts during that reporting period political contributions from one person that in the aggregate exceed \$25,000.

(b) Each report under this section must include:

(1) the amount of each political contribution;

(2) the full name and address of the person making the political contribution; and

(3) the date each political contribution was made.

(c) A candidate who is required to file a report under this

1 section shall file the report electronically, by telephonic
2 facsimile machine, or by hand, in the form required by Section
3 254.036 not later than:

4 (1) 5 p.m. of the first business day after the date the
5 contribution is accepted, if the report is filed by telephonic
6 facsimile machine or hand; or

7 (2) midnight of the first business day after the date
8 the contribution is accepted, if the report is filed
9 electronically.

10 (d) A report under this section is not required to be
11 accompanied by the affidavit required under Section 254.036(h) or
12 to be submitted on a form prescribed by the commission. A report
13 under this section that complies with Section 254.036(a) must be
14 accompanied by an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1), unless the
15 candidate has submitted an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1)
16 with another report filed in connection with the election for which
17 a report is required under this section.

18 (e) To the extent of a conflict between this section and
19 Section 254.036, this section prevails.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.