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H.B. No. 4877

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of political contributions to settle a civil action.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.035, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) The prohibition prescribed by Subsection (a) includes the personal use of political contributions accepted by a person as a candidate or officeholder or by a specific-purpose committee for the purpose of supporting the person as a candidate or assisting the person as an officeholder to settle a civil action asserting a claim against the officeholder.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to the use of a political contribution that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. The use of a political contribution that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the use occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.