

Amend the Wolens amendment No. 1 to **CSHB 1606** as follows:

(1) Between pages 30 and 31, insert the following:

SECTION 2.08. Subchapter B, Chapter 253, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 253.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 253.040. CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOLLOWING GENERAL ELECTION. (a) During the period beginning on the day after the general election for state and county officers and ending on the day before the period prescribed by Section 253.034 begins, a person may not knowingly make political contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$1,000 to:

(1) a candidate for or holder of:

(A) a statewide office in the executive branch;

(B) the office of state senator; or

(C) the office of state representative;

(2) a specific-purpose committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting a candidate for or holder of an office described by Subdivision (1); or

(3) any combination of a person described by Subsection (1) and one or more specific-purpose committees for supporting the person as a candidate or assisting the person as an officeholder.

(b) A candidate for or holder of a statewide office, the office of state senator, or the office of state representative or a specific-purpose committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting such a person may not knowingly accept a political contribution, and shall refuse a political contribution that exceeds the limit prescribed by Subsection (a) and is received during the period prescribed by that subsection. A political contribution that is received and refused during the period prescribed by Subsection (a) shall be returned to the contributor not later than the 30th day after the date of receipt. A contribution made by mail is not considered received during that period if it was placed with postage prepaid and properly addressed in the United States mail before the beginning of the period. The date indicated by the post office cancellation mark is considered to be the date the contribution was placed in the mail unless proven otherwise.

(c) This section does not apply to a political contribution

that was made and accepted with the intent that it be used:

(1) in an election held or ordered during the period prescribed by Subsection (a) in which the person accepting the contribution is a candidate if the contribution was made after the person appointed a campaign treasurer with the appropriate authority and before the person was sworn in for that office;

(2) to defray expenses incurred in connection with an election contest; or

(3) by a person who holds or who sought a statewide office or a legislative office if the person was defeated at the general election or a specific-purpose political committee that supports or assists only that person.

(d) This section does not apply to a political contribution made to or accepted by a candidate for or holder of an office to which Subchapter F applies.

(e) A person who violates this section commits an offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) Renumber the sections of Article 2 of the bill accordingly.