

Amend the Wolens amendment to CSHB 1606 by inserting the following new section to Article 2, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION 2.\_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 253, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 253.201. RESTRICTION ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS. (a) In this section, "Texas trade association" means a cooperative and voluntarily joined association of business or professional competitors in this state designed to assist its members and its industry or profession in dealing with mutual business or professional problems and in promoting their common interest.

(b) This section applies only to a Texas trade association that is not a political committee.

(c) A Texas trade association to which this section applies may not knowingly make direct or indirect expenditures for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000 during the period beginning on the 20th day before the primary or general election for state and county officers and ending on the day following the primary or general election for state and county officers.

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