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H.B. No. 2194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the name of political committees for supporting a
3 candidate or assisting an officeholder.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 252.0031, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the name of a
8 specific-purpose committee for supporting a candidate or assisting
9 an officeholder may not include the name of the candidate or
10 officeholder the committee supports or assists unless the candidate
11 or officeholder in writing authorizes the committee to include the
12 candidate's or officeholder's name. The authorization must be
13 filed with the committee's campaign treasurer appointment.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2003, each
15 specific-purpose committee for supporting a candidate or assisting
16 an officeholder whose name includes the name of the candidate or
17 officeholder shall file with the authority with whom the
18 committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed:

19 (1) a written authorization from the candidate or
20 officeholder for the use of the candidate's or officeholder's name,
21 as required by Section 252.0031(c), Election Code, as added by this
22 Act; or

23 (2) an amended campaign treasurer appointment
24 indicating a new name for the committee that does not include the

1 name of the candidate or officeholder.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.