

By: Talton

H.B. No. 159

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 159:

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C.S.H.B. No. 159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to expenditures of funds by a political subdivision to
3 advertise a referendum.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 140.008. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
8 TO ADVERTISE ELECTION MEASURE. (a) In this section, "measure" and
9 "political subdivision" have the meanings assigned by Section
10 1.005, Election Code.

11 (b) A political subdivision may not spend funds on
12 advertising, other promotional materials, or educational materials
13 related to an election or measure for the period beginning on the
14 60th day before the date of an election and ending on election day.

15 (c) This section does not apply to the expenditure of funds
16 for notice or other publications required by the Election Code,
17 another statute, a municipal charter, or in response to an open
18 records request under Chapter 552, Government Code.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005, and
20 applies only to an election for which the election order is adopted
21 on or after that date.