

1-1 By: Hughes (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 1647
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2005;
1-3 May 3, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the appointment of a campaign treasurer and the filing
1-9 of reports by a political party's county executive committee that
1-10 accepts or makes a certain amount of political contributions or
1-11 expenditures.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 253.031(d), Election Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (d) This section does not apply to a political party's
1-16 county executive committee that accepts political contributions or
1-17 makes political expenditures, except that:

1-18 (1) a county executive committee that accepts
1-19 political contributions or makes political expenditures shall
1-20 maintain the records required by Section 254.001; and

1-21 (2) a county executive committee that accepts
1-22 political contributions or makes political expenditures that, in
1-23 the aggregate, exceed \$25,000 [~~\$5,000~~] in a calendar year shall
1-24 file:

1-25 (A) a campaign treasurer appointment as required
1-26 by Section 252.001 not later than the 15th day after the date that
1-27 amount is exceeded; and

1-28 (B) the reports required by Subchapter F, Chapter
1-29 254, including in the political committee's first report all
1-30 political contributions accepted and all political expenditures
1-31 made before the effective date of the campaign treasurer
1-32 appointment.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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