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H.B. No. 1664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of political contributions and expenditures by certain political committees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.1541 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.1541. ALTERNATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES. (a) This section applies only to a general-purpose committee with less than \$20,000 in one or more accounts maintained by the committee in which political contributions are deposited, as of the last day of the preceding reporting period for which the committee was required to file a report.

(b) A report by a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee to which this section applies may include, instead of the information required under Sections 254.031(a)(1) and (5) and Section 254.151(6):

(1) the amount of political contributions from each person that in the aggregate exceed \$100 and that are accepted during the reporting period by the committee, the full name and address of the person making the contributions, the person's principal occupation, and the dates of the contributions; and

(2) the total amount or a specific listing of the political contributions of \$100 or less accepted and the total

1 amount or a specific listing of the political expenditures of \$100
2 or less made during the reporting period.

3 SECTION 2. Section 254.156, Election Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 254.156. CONTENTS OF MONTHLY REPORTS. Each monthly
6 report filed under this subchapter must comply with Sections
7 254.031 and 254.151 except that the maximum amount of a political
8 contribution, expenditure, or loan that is not required to be
9 individually reported is:

- 10 (1) \$10 in the aggregate; or
11 (2) \$20 in the aggregate for a contribution accepted
12 by a general-purpose committee to which Section 254.1541 applies.

13 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by Section 254.1541,
14 Election Code, as added by this Act, and Section 254.156, Election
15 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a report of political
16 contributions and expenditures that is required to be filed on or
17 after September 1, 2005. A report of contributions and
18 expenditures that is required to be filed before September 1, 2005,
19 is governed by the law in effect on the date the report is required
20 to be filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.