

1-1 By: Harper-Brown, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 1664  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;  
1-3 May 17, 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 reporting of political contributions and  
1-9 expenditures by certain political committees.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 254, Election Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 254.1541 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 254.1541. ALTERNATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
1-14 CERTAIN COMMITTEES. (a) This section applies only to a  
1-15 general-purpose committee with less than \$20,000 in one or more  
1-16 accounts maintained by the committee in which political  
1-17 contributions are deposited, as of the last day of the preceding  
1-18 reporting period for which the committee was required to file a  
1-19 report.

1-20 (b) A report by a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose  
1-21 committee to which this section applies may include, instead of the  
1-22 information required under Sections 254.031(a)(1) and (5) and  
1-23 Section 254.151(6):

1-24 (1) the amount of political contributions from each  
1-25 person that in the aggregate exceed \$100 and that are accepted  
1-26 during the reporting period by the committee, the full name and  
1-27 address of the person making the contributions, the person's  
1-28 principal occupation, and the dates of the contributions; and

1-29 (2) the total amount or a specific listing of the  
1-30 political contributions of \$100 or less accepted and the total  
1-31 amount or a specific listing of the political expenditures of \$100  
1-32 or less made during the reporting period.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 254.156, Election Code, is amended to  
1-34 read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 254.156. CONTENTS OF MONTHLY REPORTS. Each monthly  
1-36 report filed under this subchapter must comply with Sections  
1-37 254.031 and 254.151 except that the maximum amount of a political  
1-38 contribution, expenditure, or loan that is not required to be  
1-39 individually reported is:

1-40 (1) \$10 in the aggregate; or

1-41 (2) \$20 in the aggregate for a contribution accepted  
1-42 by a general-purpose committee to which Section 254.1541 applies.

1-43 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by Section 254.1541,  
1-44 Election Code, as added by this Act, and Section 254.156, Election  
1-45 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a report of political  
1-46 contributions and expenditures that is required to be filed on or  
1-47 after September 1, 2005. A report of contributions and  
1-48 expenditures that is required to be filed before September 1, 2005,  
1-49 is governed by the law in effect on the date the report is required  
1-50 to be filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
1-51 purpose.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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