

1-1 By: Hilderbran, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 1945  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;  
1-3 May 12, 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 filing of personal financial statements by the  
1-9 state chair of a political party.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 572.002(6), Government Code, is amended  
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (6) "State party chair [~~Party chairman~~]" means the  
1-14 state chair [~~chairman~~] of any political party receiving more than  
1-15 two percent of the vote for governor in the most recent general  
1-16 election.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 572.021, Government Code, is amended to  
1-18 read as follows:

1-19 Sec. 572.021. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED. A state  
1-20 officer, a partisan or independent candidate for an office as an  
1-21 elected officer, and a state party chair [~~chairman~~] shall file with  
1-22 the commission a verified financial statement complying with  
1-23 Sections 572.022 through 572.0252.

1-24 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 572.026, Government Code,  
1-25 is amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 572.026. FILING DATES FOR STATE OFFICERS AND STATE  
1-27 PARTY CHAIRS [~~CHAIRMEN~~].

1-28 SECTION 4. Section 572.026(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (a) Not later than April 30 each year, a state officer or a  
1-31 state party chair [~~chairman~~] shall file the financial statement as  
1-32 required by this subchapter.

1-33 SECTION 5. Section 572.034(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-34 to read as follows:

1-35 (a) An individual commits an offense if the individual is a  
1-36 state officer or [~~and~~] candidate [~~and~~] or state party chair [~~chairman~~]  
1-37 and knowingly and wilfully fails to file a financial statement as  
1-38 required by this subchapter.

1-39 SECTION 6. The amendment by this Act to Chapter 572,  
1-40 Government Code, is intended to clarify rather than change existing  
1-41 law and to conform to the gender-neutral terminology of the  
1-42 Election Code as amended by Chapter 864, Acts of the 75th  
1-43 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997.

1-44 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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