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H.B. No. 1953

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the manner in which certain reports of political
3 contributions and expenditures must be filed with the Texas Ethics
4 Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 254.036(b), Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), (e), or (f), each
9 report filed under this chapter with the commission must be filed
10 by:

11 (1) computer diskette, modem, or other means of
12 electronic transfer, using computer software provided by the
13 commission or computer software that meets commission
14 specifications for a standard file format; or

15 (2) telephonic facsimile machine.

16 SECTION 2. Section 254.036(b), Election Code, as amended by
17 this Act, applies only to a report under Chapter 254, Election Code,
18 that is required to be filed on or after the effective date of this
19 Act. A report under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to
20 be filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
21 law in effect on the date the report is required to be filed, and the
22 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.