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H.B. No. 3220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to additional reporting requirements for political  
3 contributions and expenditures in regard to certain constitutional  
4 amendment elections.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 254.044 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 254.044. ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
9 CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTIONS. (a) This section  
10 applies only to reporting requirements for an election on a  
11 proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the extension of the  
12 state lottery to include video lottery games, at regulated  
13 locations where wagering is already authorized by law, the net  
14 revenue from which shall be used for property tax reduction, public  
15 education, and children's health care.

16 (b) In addition to other reports required by this chapter, a  
17 person required to file reports for an election covered by this  
18 section shall file additional reports as described by this  
19 subsection. During the period beginning the 30th day before  
20 election day and continuing through the day before the first day of  
21 the period for early voting by personal appearance for the  
22 election, reports shall be filed twice a week. During the period  
23 beginning the first day of the period for early voting by personal  
24 appearance for the election and ending at 12 noon on the day before

1 election day, reports shall be filed every 24 hours.

2 (c) In addition to other required contents of reports  
3 prescribed by this chapter, each report required for an election  
4 covered by this section must include:

5 (1) the full name, residence or business street  
6 address, and principal occupation of each individual from whom  
7 political contributions are accepted during the reporting period;  
8 and

9 (2) if the person from whom political contributions  
10 are accepted during the reporting period is an entity, the full  
11 name, residence or business street address, and principal  
12 occupation of each individual from whom political contributions are  
13 accepted by the contributing entity during the reporting period.

14 (d) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
15 this section. The rules must include provisions to ensure that the  
16 identity of individual contributors to entities is fully disclosed  
17 and apparent.

18 SECTION 2. Section 254.044, Election Code, as added by this  
19 Act, is repealed effective January 16, 2007.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.