

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reporting of personal financial information by trustees  
3 of certain junior college districts and to candidates for office of  
4 certain political subdivisions; providing civil and criminal  
5 penalties.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 130, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 130.0831 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 130.0831. FILING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

10 (a) This section applies only to a junior college district that:

11 (1) has an enrollment of more than 33,000 students;

12 (2) has fewer than six campuses; and

13 (3) has more than seven trustees.

14 (b) This section does not apply to a junior college district  
15 which has 10 or more school districts in two counties in its taxing  
16 district.

17 (c) A member of the board of trustees of a junior college  
18 district shall file the financial statement required of state  
19 officers under Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, with:

20 (1) the board of trustees of the junior college  
21 district; and

22 (2) the Texas Ethics Commission.

23 (d) Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code:

24 (1) applies to a trustee of a junior college district

1 as if the trustee were a state officer; and

2 (2) governs the contents, timeliness of filing, and  
3 public inspection of a statement filed under this section.

4 (e) A trustee subject to this section commits an offense if  
5 the trustee fails to file the statement required by this section.  
6 An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 144, Election Code, is amended by adding  
8 Section 144.0021 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 144.0021. CANDIDACY FOR OTHER OFFICE. If an elected  
10 officer subject to this chapter becomes a candidate, by announcing  
11 an intention to be a candidate or by filing an application for a  
12 place on the ballot, for any elected office other than an office  
13 covered by this chapter, the announcement or candidacy constitutes  
14 an automatic resignation of the office held, and the vacancy  
15 created shall be filled as provided by applicable law.

16 SECTION 3. Section 253.004, Election Code, is amended by  
17 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

18 (a-1) Funds collected or held by a political committee  
19 established in connection with a candidacy for an elected office  
20 covered by Chapter 144 may not be expended for any other purpose.  
21 This subsection does not apply to a charitable contribution.

22 SECTION 4. Section 130.0831, Education Code, as added by  
23 this Act, applies beginning January 1, 2007. A trustee subject to  
24 Section 130.0831, Education Code, as added by this Act, is not  
25 required to include financial activity occurring before January 1,  
26 2006, in a financial disclosure statement required under Section  
27 130.0831, Education Code, as added by this Act.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.