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H.B. No. 686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the name of political committees for supporting a candidate or assisting an officeholder.

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

SECTION 1. Section 252.0031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the name of a specific-purpose committee for supporting a candidate or assisting an officeholder may not include the name of the candidate or officeholder the committee supports or assists unless the candidate or officeholder in writing authorizes the committee to include the candidate's or officeholder's name. The authorization must be filed with the committee's campaign treasurer appointment.

SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2007, each specific-purpose committee for supporting a candidate or assisting an officeholder whose name includes the name of the candidate or officeholder shall file with the authority with whom the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed:

(1) a written authorization from the candidate or officeholder for the use of the candidate's or officeholder's name, as required by Section 252.0031(c), Election Code, as added by this Act; or

(2) an amended campaign treasurer appointment indicating a new name for the committee that does not include the

1 candidate's or officeholder's name.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.