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H.B. No. 1381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the date on which certain reports of political
3 contributions and expenditures must be received by the appropriate
4 authority.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 254.064(b) through (e), Election Code,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The first report must be received by the authority with
9 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
10 30th day before election day. The report covers the period
11 beginning the day the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is
12 filed or the first day after the period covered by the last report
13 required to be filed under this chapter, as applicable, and
14 continuing through the 40th day before election day.

15 (c) The second report must be received by the authority with
16 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
17 eighth day before election day. The report covers the period
18 beginning the 39th day before election day and continuing through
19 the 10th day before election day.

20 (d) If a person becomes an opposed candidate after a
21 reporting period prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), ~~[the person~~
22 ~~shall file]~~ the person's first report must be received by the
23 authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later
24 than the regular deadline for the report covering the period during

1 which the person becomes an opposed candidate. The period covered
2 by the first report begins the day the candidate's campaign
3 treasurer appointment is filed.

4 (e) In addition to other required reports, an opposed
5 candidate in a runoff election shall file one report for that
6 election. The runoff election report must be received by the
7 authority with whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not
8 later than the eighth day before runoff election day. The report
9 covers the period beginning the ninth day before the date of the
10 main election and continuing through the 10th day before runoff
11 election day.

12 SECTION 2. Sections 254.124(b) through (e), Election Code,
13 are amended to read as follows:

14 (b) The first report must be received by the authority with
15 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
16 30th day before election day. The report covers the period
17 beginning the day the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is
18 filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's
19 last required report, as applicable, and continuing through the
20 40th day before election day.

21 (c) The second report must be received by the authority with
22 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
23 eighth day before election day. The report covers the period
24 beginning the 39th day before election day and continuing through
25 the 10th day before election day.

26 (d) If a specific-purpose committee supports or opposes a
27 candidate or measure in an election after a reporting period

1 prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), [~~the committee's campaign~~
2 ~~treasurer shall file~~] the first report must be received by the
3 authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later
4 than the regular deadline for the report covering the period during
5 which the committee becomes involved in the election. The period
6 covered by the first report begins the day the committee's campaign
7 treasurer appointment is filed or the first day after the period
8 covered by the committee's last required report, as applicable.

9 (e) In addition to other required reports, the campaign
10 treasurer of a specific-purpose committee that supports or opposes
11 a candidate in an election and an ensuing runoff election shall file
12 one report for the runoff election. The runoff election report must
13 be received by the authority with whom the report is required to
14 [~~shall~~] be filed not later than the eighth day before runoff
15 election day. The report covers the period beginning the ninth day
16 before the date of the main election and continuing through the 10th
17 day before runoff election day.

18 SECTION 3. Sections 254.154(b) through (e), Election Code,
19 are amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The first report must be received by the authority with
21 whom the report is required to [~~shall~~] be filed not later than the
22 30th day before election day. The report covers the period
23 beginning the day the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is
24 filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's
25 last required report, as applicable, and continuing through the
26 40th day before election day.

27 (c) The second report must be received by the authority with

1 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
2 eighth day before election day. The report covers the period
3 beginning the 39th day before election day and continuing through
4 the 10th day before election day.

5 (d) If a general-purpose committee becomes involved in an
6 election after a reporting period prescribed by Subsection (b) or
7 (c), ~~[the committee's campaign treasurer shall file]~~ the first
8 report must be received by the authority with whom the report is
9 required to be filed not later than the regular deadline for the
10 report covering the period during which the committee becomes
11 involved in the election. The period covered by the first report
12 begins the day the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is
13 filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's
14 last required report, as applicable.

15 (e) In addition to other required reports, the campaign
16 treasurer of a general-purpose committee involved in an election
17 and an ensuing runoff election shall file one report for the runoff
18 election. The runoff election report must be received by the
19 authority with whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not
20 earlier than the 10th day or later than the eighth day before runoff
21 election day. The report covers the period beginning the ninth day
22 before the date of the main election and continuing through the 10th
23 day before runoff election day.

24 SECTION 4. Section 254.157(a), Election Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (a) The campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee
27 filing monthly reports shall file a report not later than the fifth

1 day of the month following the period covered by the report. A
2 report covering the month preceding an election in which the
3 committee is involved must be received by the authority with whom
4 the report is required to be filed not later than the fifth day of
5 the month following the period covered by the report.

6 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
7 a report of political contributions and expenditures that is
8 required to be filed on or after September 1, 2007. A report that is
9 required to be filed before that date is governed by the law in
10 effect when the report was filed, and the former law is continued in
11 effect for that purpose.

12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.