

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(d) If a person becomes an opposed candidate after a reporting period prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), ~~[the person shall file]~~ the person's first report must be received by the authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later 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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1381 was passed by the House on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1381 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor