

1-1 By: McCall (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 1381
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2007;
1-3 May 10, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the date on which certain reports of political
1-9 contributions and expenditures must be received by the appropriate
1-10 authority.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Sections 254.064(b) through (e), Election Code,
1-13 are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (b) The first report must be received by the authority with
1-15 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
1-16 30th day before election day. The report covers the period
1-17 beginning the day the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is
1-18 filed or the first day after the period covered by the last report
1-19 required to be filed under this chapter, as applicable, and
1-20 continuing through the 40th day before election day.

1-21 (c) The second report must be received by the authority with
1-22 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
1-23 eighth day before election day. The report covers the period
1-24 beginning the 39th day before election day and continuing through
1-25 the 10th day before election day.

1-26 (d) If a person becomes an opposed candidate after a
1-27 reporting period prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), ~~[the person~~
1-28 ~~shall file]~~ the person's first report must be received by the
1-29 authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later
1-30 than the regular deadline for the report covering the period during
1-31 which the person becomes an opposed candidate. The period covered
1-32 by the first report begins the day the candidate's campaign
1-33 treasurer appointment is filed.

1-34 (e) In addition to other required reports, an opposed
1-35 candidate in a runoff election shall file one report for that
1-36 election. The runoff election report must be received by the
1-37 authority with whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not
1-38 later than the eighth day before runoff election day. The report
1-39 covers the period beginning the ninth day before the date of the
1-40 main election and continuing through the 10th day before runoff
1-41 election day.

1-42 SECTION 2. Sections 254.124(b) through (e), Election Code,
1-43 are amended to read as follows:

1-44 (b) The first report must be received by the authority with
1-45 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
1-46 30th day before election day. The report covers the period
1-47 beginning the day the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is
1-48 filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's
1-49 last required report, as applicable, and continuing through the
1-50 40th day before election day.

1-51 (c) The second report must be received by the authority with
1-52 whom the report is required to ~~[shall]~~ be filed not later than the
1-53 eighth day before election day. The report covers the period
1-54 beginning the 39th day before election day and continuing through
1-55 the 10th day before election day.

1-56 (d) If a specific-purpose committee supports or opposes a
1-57 candidate or measure in an election after a reporting period
1-58 prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), ~~[the committee's campaign~~
1-59 ~~treasurer shall file]~~ the first report must be received by the
1-60 authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later
1-61 than the regular deadline for the report covering the period during
1-62 which the committee becomes involved in the election. The period
1-63 covered by the first report begins the day the committee's campaign
1-64 treasurer appointment is filed or the first day after the period

covered by the committee's last required report, as applicable.

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

SECTION 3. Sections 254.154(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 committee's campaign treasurer appointment is filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's last required report, 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 general-purpose committee becomes involved in an election after a reporting period prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c), ~~[the committee's campaign treasurer shall file]~~ the 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 which the committee becomes involved in the election. The period covered by the first report begins the day the committee's campaign treasurer appointment is filed or the first day after the period covered by the committee's last required report, as applicable.

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

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

(a) The campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee filing monthly reports shall file a report not later than the fifth day of the month following the period covered by the report. A report covering the month preceding an election in which the committee is involved must be received by the authority with whom the report is required to be filed not later than the fifth day of the month following the period covered by the report.

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

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

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