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S.B. No. 1191

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to special reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission
3 by certain candidates and political committees after receiving
4 large political contributions from a person.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 254.0381 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 254.0381. SPECIAL REPORT BY CERTAIN CANDIDATES AND
9 POLITICAL COMMITTEES REGARDING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS. (a) In
10 addition to other reports required by this chapter, the following
11 persons shall file additional reports as provided by this section:

12 (1) a candidate for an office specified by Section
13 252.005(1) who accepts political contributions from a person that
14 in the aggregate exceed \$2,000 during a semiannual reporting
15 period; and

16 (2) a specific-purpose committee for supporting or
17 opposing a candidate described by Subdivision (1) and that accepts
18 political contributions from a person that in the aggregate exceed
19 \$2,000 during a semiannual reporting period.

20 (b) A candidate or committee shall file a report under this
21 section not later than the 10th day after the date on which the
22 candidate or committee accepts a political contribution from a
23 person that, when aggregated with all other political contributions
24 accepted from that person after the last day covered by the last

1 semiannual report filed by the candidate or committee, equals or
2 exceeds \$2,000.

3 (c) Each report required by this section must include the
4 amount of the contributions specified by Subsection (a), the full
5 name and address of the person making the contributions, and the
6 dates of the contributions.

7 (d) A report under this section shall be filed
8 electronically, by telegram or telephonic facsimile machine, or by
9 hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. A report under this
10 section is not required to be accompanied by the affidavit required
11 under Section 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by
12 the commission. A report under this section that complies with
13 Section 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under
14 Section 254.036(c)(1) unless the candidate or committee has
15 submitted an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1) with another
16 report filed in connection with the election for which a report is
17 required under this section.

18 (e) To the extent of a conflict between this section and
19 Section 254.036, this section controls.

20 (f) A candidate who or committee that accepts a political
21 contribution that must be reported under this section and Section
22 254.038 shall report the contribution as required by Section
23 254.038.

24 SECTION 2. Section 254.0381, Election Code, as added by
25 this Act, applies only to a political contribution accepted on or
26 after September 1, 2007. A political contribution accepted before
27 that date is not aggregated with a political contribution accepted

1 after that date, and is governed by the law in effect when the
2 political contribution was accepted.

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