

Amend CSHB 300 by inserting the following new SECTIONS, appropriately numbered, to ARTICLE 4 of the bill, and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 4.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 223, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 223.0043 to read as follows:

Sec. 223.0043. DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOBBYING EXPENDITURES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Lobbying expenditure" means an expenditure that is reportable under Chapter 305, Government Code.

(2) "Political committee" and "political contribution" have the meanings assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

(b) For purposes of this section, an individual has a substantial financial interest in a business entity if the individual:

(1) has a controlling interest in the business entity;

(2) owns more than 10 percent of the voting interest in the business entity;

(3) owns more than \$25,000 of the fair market value of the business entity;

(4) has a direct or indirect participating interest by shares, stock, or otherwise, regardless of whether voting rights are included, in more than 10 percent of the profits, proceeds, or capital gains of the business entity;

(5) is a member of the board of directors or other governing board of the business entity; or

(6) serves as an elected officer of the business entity.

(c) Not later than the 30th day after the date a business entity submits a bid under this subchapter, the entity shall disclose in writing to the director or the director's designee:

(1) each political contribution of \$1,000 or more that is made to a candidate, officeholder, or political committee required to file reports under Chapter 254, Election Code, with the Texas Ethics Commission during the four years preceding the date of the bid by:

(A) the business entity;

(B) an individual who has a substantial financial interest in the business entity; or

(C) a political committee established or administered by the business entity or by an individual described by Paragraph (B); and

(2) each lobbying expenditure made during the four years preceding the date of the bid by or on behalf of the business entity.

(d) A business entity that has not made a political contribution or a lobbying expenditure that must be disclosed under Subsection (c) shall, within the time prescribed by that subsection, deliver to the director or the director's designee a written statement that the business entity has not made a political contribution or lobbying expenditure that must be disclosed.

(e) On receipt of information under Subsection (c) or (d), the department shall promptly publish the information on the department's Internet website.

(f) The commission may not consider a bid submitted by a business entity that does not comply with this section.

SECTION 4.____. Section 223.0043, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a bid submitted for a contract as to which the initial notice under Section 223.002, Transportation Code, is published on or after September 1, 2009.