

Amend CSHB 2511 by adding the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering the subsequent sections appropriately.

SECTION _____. Section 253.035, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) "Personal use" includes the use of contributions to pay a civil penalty imposed by the commission.

SECTION _____. Section 253.041(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A candidate or officeholder or a specific-purpose committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting the candidate or officeholder may not knowingly make or authorize a payment from a political contribution if the payment is made for personal services rendered by the candidate, ~~[or]~~ officeholder, or a person related to [by the spouse or dependent child of] the candidate or officeholder within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as determined under Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code, to:

(1) the candidate, officeholder, or a person related to the candidate or officeholder within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as determined under Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code; or

(2) a business in which a person described by Subdivision (1) [the candidate or officeholder] has a participating interest of more than 10 percent, holds a position on the governing body of the business, or serves as an officer of the business ~~[or~~

~~[(2) the candidate or officeholder or the spouse or dependent child of the candidate or officeholder].~~