

Amend HB 2511 on third reading, in SECTION 1 of the bill, by striking added Section 251.001(23), Election Code, and substituting the following:

(23) "Electioneering communication" means a communication that if taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as an appeal to vote for or against one or more clearly identified candidates or ballot measures. Any reasonable doubt must be resolved in favor of permitting the communication. The term does not include a communication that:

(A) exclusively discusses a legislative, judicial, or executive matter or issue;

(B) urges an officeholder to take a particular position or action regarding a matter or issue or urges the public to adopt a particular position and to contact an officeholder regarding the matter or issue;

(C) does not mention an election, candidacy, political party, opposing candidate, or voting by the general public; and

(D) does not take a position on any candidate's or officeholder's character, qualifications, or fitness for office.