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H.B. No. 477

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of political contributions to pay a civil  
3 penalty imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 253.035, Election Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

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

9 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 253.035(j),  
10 Election Code, as added by this Act, applies to payment of a civil  
11 penalty imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission regardless of  
12 whether the penalty is imposed before, on, or after the effective  
13 date of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.