

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the moratoriums on the acceptance of certain political contributions and caucus contributions to contributions delivered by common or contract carrier.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.034(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A statewide officeholder, a member of the legislature, or a specific-purpose committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting a statewide officeholder or member of the legislature may not knowingly accept a political contribution, and shall refuse a political contribution that is received, during the period prescribed by Subsection (a). A political contribution that is received and refused during that period shall be returned to the contributor not later than the 30th day after the date of receipt. A contribution made by United States mail or by common or contract carrier is not considered received during that period if it was properly addressed and placed with postage or carrier charges prepaid or prearranged ~~[and properly addressed]~~ in the ~~[United States]~~ mail or delivered to the contract carrier before the beginning of the period. The date indicated by the post office cancellation mark or the common or contract carrier documents is considered to be the date the contribution was placed in the mail or delivered to the common or contract carrier unless proven

1 otherwise.

2 SECTION 2. Section 253.0341(b), Election Code, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) A legislative caucus may not knowingly accept from a  
5 nonmember a contribution, and shall refuse a contribution from a  
6 nonmember that is received, during the period prescribed by  
7 Subsection (a). A contribution that is received and refused during  
8 that period shall be returned to the contributor not later than the  
9 30th day after the date of receipt. A contribution made by United  
10 States mail or by common or contract carrier is not considered  
11 received during that period if it was properly addressed and placed  
12 with postage or carrier charges prepaid or prearranged [~~and~~  
13 ~~properly addressed~~] in the [~~United States~~] mail or delivered to the  
14 contract carrier before the beginning of the period. The date  
15 indicated by the post office cancellation mark or the common or  
16 contract carrier documents is considered to be the date the  
17 contribution was placed in the mail or delivered to the common or  
18 contract carrier unless proven otherwise.

19 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
20 only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009. For  
21 purposes of this section, an offense is committed before that date  
22 if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

23 (b) An offense committed before September 1, 2009, is  
24 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
25 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2065 was passed by the House on April 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2065 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor