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H.B. No. 3553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reporting by registered lobbyists of compensation
3 earned from and expenditures made in providing political consulting
4 services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 305, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 305.0065 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 305.0065. COMPENSATION FROM PROVISION OF POLITICAL
9 CONSULTING SERVICES. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Political committee" has the meaning assigned by
11 Section 251.001, Election Code.

12 (2) "Political consulting services" means:

13 (A) consulting in relation to campaign strategy;

14 (B) consulting or services in relation to
15 campaign fund-raising;

16 (C) voter demographics and polling;

17 (D) campaign speech writing;

18 (E) services related to political advertising;

19 or

20 (F) planning and scheduling of public campaign
21 appearances.

22 (b) A registrant who provides political consulting services
23 in connection with an actual or potential campaign of a candidate
24 for or holder of an office of state government or to a political

1 committee that supports, opposes, or assists one or more candidates
2 for or holders of an office of state government, a political party,
3 or a political committee established by a political party shall
4 include in the report filed under Section 305.006, for each
5 candidate, officeholder, political committee, or political party
6 to whom the registrant provided political consulting services:

7 (1) the person's full name and address;

8 (2) the exact amount of compensation the registrant
9 received from the person for providing the services; and

10 (3) for each expenditure the registrant made in
11 connection with providing political consulting services provided
12 to the person:

13 (A) the full name and address of the person to
14 whom the expenditure is made;

15 (B) the amount of the expenditure; and

16 (C) a description of the purpose of the
17 expenditure, in the following categories:

18 (i) services in relation to campaign
19 fund-raising;

20 (ii) voter demographics and polling;

21 (iii) services related to political
22 advertising; or

23 (iv) planning and scheduling of public
24 campaign appearances.

25 (c) A registrant who reports an expenditure under one
26 category provided by Subsection (b)(3) may not report the same
27 expenditure under another category of Subsection (b)(3).

1 SECTION 2. Section 305.0065, Government Code, as added by
2 this Act, applies only to a report required to be filed under
3 Section 305.006, Government Code, that is due on or after November
4 10, 2009.

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