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S.B. No. 1142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority with whom campaign finance reports must be filed in connection with a judicial district office filled by the voters of only one county.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.066. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.

~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by a candidate for a judicial district office filled by voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]~~

Sec. 254.097. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom a campaign treasurer appointment by a candidate for the office held by the officeholder is required to be filed.

~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by the holder of a judicial district office filled by voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]~~

Sec. 254.130. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ filed under

1 this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the
2 political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required
3 to be filed.

4 ~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by~~
5 ~~a specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a candidate~~
6 ~~for or assisting a holder of a judicial district office filled by~~
7 ~~voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county~~
8 ~~clerk.]~~

9 SECTION 2. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election
10 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to the filing of a report of
11 political contributions and expenditures that is due on or after
12 the effective date of this Act. The filing of a report of political
13 contributions and expenditures that is due before the effective
14 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
15 report is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that
16 purpose.

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