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1-4 March 25, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 25, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority with whom campaign finance reports must
1-9 be filed in connection with a judicial district office filled by the
1-10 voters of only one county.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election
1-13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 254.066. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
1-15 ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ under this
1-16 subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the
1-17 candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.

1-18 ~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by~~
1-19 ~~a candidate for a judicial district office filled by voters of only~~
1-20 ~~one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]~~

1-21 Sec. 254.097. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
1-22 ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ under this
1-23 subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom a campaign
1-24 treasurer appointment by a candidate for the office held by the
1-25 officeholder is required to be filed.

1-26 ~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by~~
1-27 ~~the holder of a judicial district office filled by voters of only~~
1-28 ~~one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]~~

1-29 Sec. 254.130. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
1-30 ~~[(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports]~~ filed under
1-31 this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the
1-32 political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required
1-33 to be filed.

1-34 ~~[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by~~
1-35 ~~a specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a candidate~~
1-36 ~~for or assisting a holder of a judicial district office filled by~~
1-37 ~~voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county~~
1-38 ~~clerk.]~~

1-39 SECTION 2. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election
1-40 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to the filing of a report of
1-41 political contributions and expenditures that is due on or after
1-42 the effective date of this Act. The filing of a report of political
1-43 contributions and expenditures that is due before the effective
1-44 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
1-45 report is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-46 purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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