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S.B. No. 1888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the reporting by candidates, officeholders, and
3 specific-purpose committees in connection with certain judicial
4 offices of political contributions and expenditures following the
5 end of the period during which those entities may accept political
6 contributions.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
9 amended by adding Section 254.0641 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 254.0641. ADDITIONAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES.

11 (a) In addition to other required reports, a candidate for a
12 judicial office covered by Subchapter F, Chapter 253, shall file a
13 report as provided by this section.

14 (b) The report shall be filed not later than the 15th day
15 after the last day on which the candidate may accept a political
16 contribution under Section 253.153(a)(2). The report covers the
17 period beginning the day the candidate's campaign treasurer
18 appointment is filed or the first day after the period covered by
19 the last report required to be filed under this chapter, as
20 applicable, and continuing through the last day on which the
21 candidate may accept a political contribution under Section
22 253.153(a)(2).

23 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 254.0941 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 254.0941. ADDITIONAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL OFFICEHOLDERS.

2 (a) In addition to other required reports, a holder of a judicial
3 office covered by Subchapter F, Chapter 253, shall file a report as
4 provided by this section.

5 (b) The report shall be filed not later than the 15th day
6 after the last day on which the officeholder may accept a political
7 contribution under Section 253.153(a)(2). The report covers the
8 period beginning the day the officeholder files a campaign
9 treasurer appointment or the first day after the period covered by
10 the last report required to be filed under this chapter, as
11 applicable, and continuing through the last day on which the
12 officeholder may accept a political contribution under Section
13 253.153(a)(2).

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 254.1241 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 254.1241. ADDITIONAL REPORT OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES. (a)
17 In addition to other required reports, a specific-purpose committee
18 for supporting or opposing a candidate for or assisting a holder of
19 a judicial office covered by Subchapter F, Chapter 253, shall file a
20 report as provided by this section.

21 (b) The report shall be filed not later than the 15th day
22 after the last day on which the committee may accept a political
23 contribution under Section 253.153(a)(2). The report covers the
24 period beginning the day the committee's campaign treasurer
25 appointment is filed or the first day after the period covered by
26 the last report required to be filed under this chapter, as
27 applicable, and continuing through the last day on which the

1 committee may accept a political contribution under Section
2 253.153(a)(2).

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