

1-1 By: Marquez (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 336
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 20, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the filing and posting on the Internet of reports of
1-9 political contributions and expenditures required in connection
1-10 with the office of member of the board of trustees of certain school
1-11 districts.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 254.04011 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 254.04011. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
1-16 ON INTERNET. (a) This section applies only to a school district
1-17 located wholly or partly in a municipality with a population of more
1-18 than 500,000.

1-19 (b) A report filed under this chapter by a member of the
1-20 board of trustees of a school district, a candidate for membership
1-21 on the board of trustees of a school district, or a specific-purpose
1-22 committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting a candidate or
1-23 member of a board of trustees of a school district must be posted on
1-24 the Internet website of the school district.

1-25 (c) A report to which Subsection (b) applies must be
1-26 available to the public on the Internet website not later than the
1-27 fifth business day after the date the report is filed with the
1-28 school district.

1-29 (d) The access allowed by this section to reports is in
1-30 addition to the public's access to the information through other
1-31 electronic or print distribution of the information.

1-32 (e) Before making a report available on the Internet under
1-33 this section, the school district may remove each portion, other
1-34 than city, state, and zip code, of the address of a person listed as
1-35 having made a political contribution to the person filing the
1-36 report. If the address information is removed as permitted by this
1-37 subsection, the information must remain available on the report
1-38 maintained in the school district's office.

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act by adding
1-40 Section 254.04011, Election Code, applies only to the posting of a
1-41 report of political contributions and expenditures that is required
1-42 to be filed on or after January 1, 2012.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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