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S.B. No. 603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the filing and posting on the Internet of reports of
3 political contributions and expenditures required in connection
4 with the office of member of the board of trustees of certain school
5 districts.

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

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

9 Sec. 254.04011. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
10 ON INTERNET. (a) This section applies only to a school district
11 located wholly or partly in a municipality with a population of more
12 than 500,000.

13 (b) A report filed under this chapter by a member of the
14 board of trustees of a school district, a candidate for membership
15 on the board of trustees of a school district, or a specific-purpose
16 committee for supporting, opposing, or assisting a candidate or
17 member of a board of trustees of a school district must be posted on
18 the Internet website of the school district.

19 (c) A report to which Subsection (b) applies must be
20 available to the public on the Internet website not later than the
21 fifth business day after the date the report is filed with the
22 school district.

23 (d) The access allowed by this section to reports is in
24 addition to the public's access to the information through other

1 electronic or print distribution of the information.

2 (e) Before making a report available on the Internet under
3 this section, the school district shall remove each portion, other
4 than city, state, and zip code, of the address of a person listed as
5 having made a political contribution to the person filing the
6 report. The address information removed must remain available on
7 the report maintained in the school district's office but may not be
8 available electronically at that office.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.