

Amend **SB 212** (Senate committee printing) in SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 81.010045, Natural Resources Code (page 2, between lines 57 and 58), immediately following Subsection (f), by inserting the following:

(g) A commissioner or a candidate for the office of commissioner may not knowingly accept political contributions from a person that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000 during a period in which the commissioner or candidate may accept political contributions as provided by Subsections (b) and (c).

(h) A person who receives a political contribution that violates Subsection (g) shall return the contribution to the contributor not later than the 30th day after the date the person received the contribution.

(i) A person who violates Subsection (g) is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed three times the amount of the political contributions accepted in violation of that subsection.