

Amend CSSB 219 (house committee printing) by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Chapter 251, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 251.002A to read as follows:

Sec. 254.002A. APPLICABILITY OF TITLE. (a) This title applies to a entity that is not organized or operated as a church but that is organized or may avail itself of the provisions of Title 7, Business Organizations Code, or the applicable law of another state that:

(1) does not meet the definition of political committee under Section 251.001(12);

(2) accepts campaign contributions as defined under Section 251.001(3); and

(3) makes one or more direct campaign expenditures for express advocacy, excluding expenditures authorized by Sections 253.098, 253.099, 253.100, or 253.104, that in the aggregate exceed \$25,000 during a calendar year.

(b) As used in this section, "express advocacy" means advocacy that is authorized by a candidate, an agent of a candidate, or a political committee filing reports under this title.