

Amend CSSB 219, in ARTICLE 4 of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to that ARTICLE and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 4.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 253, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 253.045 to read as follows:

Sec. 253.045. RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTIES IN CERTAIN CONTESTED CASES. (a) A person who holds a statewide elective office in the executive branch of state government may not knowingly accept a political contribution from a party in a contested case before the person during the period:

(1) beginning on the date notice of the hearing in the contested case is given; and

(2) ending on:

(A) the 30th day after the date the decision in the contested case is rendered; or

(B) if a request for rehearing is filed:

(i) the date the request is denied; or

(ii) the 30th day after the date the decision after rehearing is rendered.

(b) The commission may adopt any rules necessary to implement this section, including rules that direct the secretary of state to maintain a list of the contested cases before the persons to whom this section applies and the parties in each case in order to aid those persons in complying with this section.