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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend S.B. No. 219 by adding the following appropriately
2 numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS
3 accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 253, Election Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 253.006 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 253.006. CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY
7 LOBBYISTS RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "administrative
8 action," "communicates directly with," "legislation," "member of
9 the executive branch," and "member of the legislative branch" have
10 the meanings assigned by Section 305.002, Government Code.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as
12 provided by Subsection (c), a person required to register under
13 Chapter 305, Government Code, may not, before the second
14 anniversary of the date the last term for which the person was
15 elected ends, knowingly make or authorize a political contribution
16 or political expenditure from political contributions accepted by
17 the person as a candidate or officeholder.

18 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a person who:

19 (1) communicates directly with a member of the
20 legislative or executive branch only to influence legislation or
21 administrative action on behalf of:

22 (A) a nonprofit organization exempt from federal
23 income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of
24 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that
25 code;

26 (B) a group of low-income individuals; or

27 (C) a group of individuals with disabilities;

28 and

29 (2) does not receive compensation other than

1 reimbursement for actual expenses for engaging in communication
2 described by Subdivision (1).

3 (d) A person who violates this section commits an offense.
4 An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

5 SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 305.030 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 305.030. EXPENDITURES FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
8 RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "political contribution" has the
9 meaning assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as
11 provided by Subsection (c), a person required to register under
12 this chapter may not, before the second anniversary of the date the
13 last term for which the person was elected ends, knowingly make or
14 authorize an expenditure under this chapter from political
15 contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or
16 officeholder.

17 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a person who:

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19 legislative or executive branch only to influence legislation or
20 administrative action on behalf of:

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22 income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of
23 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that
24 code;

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29 reimbursement for actual expenses for engaging in communication
30 described by Subdivision (1).

31 SECTION _____. Section 253.006, Election Code, as added by

1 this Act, and Section 305.030, Government Code, as added by this
2 Act, apply to a political contribution, political expenditure, or
3 lobbying expenditure made on or after September 1, 2013, from funds
4 accepted as a political contribution, regardless of the date the
5 funds were accepted.