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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 219 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 4 of the bill
3 and renumbering remaining SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

4 SECTION 4.____. The heading to Section 253.037, Election
5 Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 253.037. RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE
7 BY POLITICAL [~~GENERAL-PURPOSE~~] COMMITTEE.

8 SECTION 4.____. Section 253.037(a), Election Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) A political [~~general-purpose~~] committee may not
11 knowingly make or authorize a political contribution or political
12 expenditure unless the committee has:

13 (1) filed its campaign treasurer appointment not later
14 than the 60th day before the date the contribution or expenditure is
15 made; and

16 (2) accepted political contributions from at least 10
17 persons.

18 SECTION 4.____. Subchapter E, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
19 amended by adding Sections 254.1241 through 254.1244 to read as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 254.1241. OPTION TO FILE MONTHLY; NOTICE. (a) As an
22 alternative to filing reports under Sections 254.123 and 254.124, a
23 specific-purpose committee may file monthly reports.

24 (b) To be entitled to file monthly reports, the committee
25 must deliver written notice of the committee's intent to file
26 monthly to the authority with whom the committee's reports are
27 required to be filed under this subchapter not earlier than January
28 1 or later than January 15 of the year in which the committee
29 intends to file monthly. The notice for a committee formed after

1 January 15 must be delivered at the time the committee's campaign
2 treasurer appointment is filed.

3 (c) A committee that files monthly reports may revert to the
4 regular filing schedule prescribed by Sections 254.123 and 254.124
5 by delivering written notice of the committee's intent not earlier
6 than January 1 or later than January 15 of the year in which the
7 committee intends to revert to the regular reporting schedule. The
8 notice must include a report of all political contributions
9 accepted and all political expenditures made that were not
10 previously reported.

11 Sec. 254.1242. CONTENTS OF MONTHLY REPORTS. Each monthly
12 report filed under this subchapter must comply with Sections
13 254.031 and 254.121 except that the maximum amount of a political
14 contribution, expenditure, or loan that is not required to be
15 individually reported is \$10 in the aggregate.

16 Sec. 254.1243. MONTHLY REPORTING SCHEDULE. (a) The
17 campaign treasurer of a specific-purpose committee filing monthly
18 reports shall file a report not later than the 10th day of the month
19 following the period covered by the report. A report covering the
20 month preceding an election in which the committee is involved must
21 be received by the authority with whom the report is required to be
22 filed not later than the 10th day of the month following the period
23 covered by the report.

24 (b) A monthly report covers the period beginning the first
25 calendar day of each month and continuing through the last calendar
26 day of the following month.

27 Sec. 254.1244. EXCEPTION TO MONTHLY REPORTING SCHEDULE. If
28 the campaign treasurer appointment of a specific-purpose committee
29 filing monthly reports is filed after January 1 of the year in which
30 monthly reports are filed, the period covered by the first monthly
31 report begins the day the appointment is filed and continues

1 through the last calendar day of the month in which the appointment
2 is filed unless the appointment is filed the last calendar day of
3 the month. In that case, the period continues through the last
4 calendar day of the month following the month in which the
5 appointment is filed.

6 SECTION 4.____. Section 253.037(a), Election Code, as
7 amended by this article, applies only to a political contribution
8 or political expenditure made on or after September 1, 2013. A
9 contribution or expenditure made before September 1, 2013, is
10 governed by the law in effect on the date the contribution or
11 expenditure was made, and the former law is continued in effect for
12 that purpose.

13 SECTION 4.____. The changes in law made by Sections 254.1241
14 through 254.1244, Election Code, as added by this article, apply
15 only to a report of political contributions and expenditures that
16 is required to be filed on or after September 1, 2013. A report of
17 contributions and expenditures that is required to be filed before
18 September 1, 2013, is governed by the law in effect on the date the
19 report is required to be filed, and the former law is continued in
20 effect for that purpose.

