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H.B. No. 1350

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of appropriated money for certain broadcasts featuring an elected state officer near an election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2113.011(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Subject to Sections 2113.015 and [Section] 2113.107(d), the executive head of a state agency who considers it necessary or in the public interest may issue through agency channels oral or written information relating to the activities or legal responsibilities of the agency. The information must be issued in the name of the state agency and include the name of the individual authorized to issue the information.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 2113, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2113.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 2113.015. BROADCAST FEATURING OFFICER. A state agency of which the executive head is an elected officer may not use appropriated money to broadcast an advertisement, notice, or announcement featuring the officer within the 60-day period preceding the date of any election in which the officer appears on the ballot as a candidate.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.