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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to contributions by a corporation or labor organization
3 from an employee or member that are used to assist a political
4 committee; providing a criminal penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 253, Election Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 253.1015 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 253.1015. SEPARATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
9 REQUIRED PAYMENT. (a) A corporation or labor organization must
10 solicit contributions used to assist a political committee
11 separately from dues, fees, or other money required as a condition
12 of employment or condition of membership in a labor organization
13 and may not accept a contribution unless the employee or labor
14 organization member makes a separate election to contribute to the
15 political committee.

16 (b) An employer shall list any contribution from the
17 employee used to assist a political committee deducted from an
18 employee's paycheck separately from any other deduction on a
19 statement of earnings.

20 (c) A person who violates this section commits an offense.
21 An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.