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H.B. No. 160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of appropriated money for certain  
3 advertisements, notices, or announcements featuring an elected  
4 state officer near an election.

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

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

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

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

17 Sec. 2113.015. ADVERTISEMENT, NOTICE, OR ANNOUNCEMENT  
18 FEATURING OFFICER. A state agency of which the executive head is an  
19 elected officer may not use appropriated money for an  
20 advertisement, notice, or announcement featuring the officer  
21 disseminated or displayed within the 60-day period preceding the  
22 date of any election in which the officer appears on the ballot as a  
23 candidate.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.