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H.B. No. 487

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 487:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain restrictions on contributions and expenditures
3 from political funds by a lobbyist; creating a criminal offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 253, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 253.006 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 253.006. CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY
8 LOBBYISTS RESTRICTED. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, a person required to register under Chapter 305, Government
10 Code, may not, before the second anniversary of the date the last
11 term for which the person was elected ends, knowingly make or
12 authorize a political contribution or political expenditure from
13 political contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or
14 officeholder.

15 (b) A person who violates this section commits an offense.
16 An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 305.029 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 305.029. EXPENDITURES FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
20 RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "political contribution" has the
21 meaning assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
23 required to register under this chapter may not, before the second
24 anniversary of the date the last term for which the person was

1 elects ends, knowingly make or authorize an expenditure under this
2 chapter from political contributions accepted by the person as a
3 candidate or officeholder.

4 SECTION 3. Section 253.006, Election Code, as added by this
5 Act, and Section 305.029, Government Code, as added by this Act,
6 apply to a political contribution, political expenditure, or
7 lobbying expenditure made on or after January 15, 2017, from funds
8 accepted as a political contribution, regardless of the date the
9 funds were accepted.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.