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H.B. No. 3395

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that a candidate appoint a campaign treasurer before making certain expenditures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.031, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a [A] candidate may not knowingly accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize a campaign expenditure at a time when a campaign treasurer appointment for the candidate is not in effect.

(a-1) A candidate may authorize a campaign expenditure made for the payment of a filing fee in connection with the candidate's application for a place on the ballot at a time when a campaign treasurer appointment for the candidate is not in effect. A candidate must report an expenditure described by this subsection on the first report required to be filed by the candidate under Chapter 254.

SECTION 2. Section 253.031(a-1), Election Code, as added by this Act, applies only to the payment of a filing fee in connection with the candidate's application for a place on the ballot made on or after the effective date of this Act. The payment of a filing fee before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the payment was made, and the former law is continued in

1 effect for that purpose.

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