

By: Phillips

H.B. No. 3395

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3395:

By: Reynolds

C.S.H.B. No. 3395

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. Section 253.031(a-1), Election Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies only to the payment of a filing fee in connection
21 with the candidate's application for a place on the ballot made on
22 or after the effective date of this Act. The payment of a filing fee
23 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
24 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.