

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contributions and expenditures made in connection with  
a campaign for speaker of the house of representatives.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 302.017 and 302.019, Government Code,  
are repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 302.021(a), Government Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

(a) A speaker candidate or former speaker candidate commits  
an offense if the person:

(1) knowingly fails to file the declaration of  
candidacy required by Section 302.0121;

(2) knowingly fails to file the statement required by  
Section 302.013;

(3) knowingly accepts a contribution, loan, or promise  
of a contribution or loan in violation of Section 302.0121(c);

(4) ~~[knowingly accepts a contribution, loan, or  
promise of a contribution or loan prohibited by Section 302.017  
from a corporation, partnership, association, firm, union,  
foundation, committee, club, or other organization or group of  
persons,~~

~~(5)]~~ knowingly accepts a contribution from a person  
who uses political contributions, interest earned on political  
contributions, or an asset purchased with political contributions

1 to make the contribution in violation of Section 302.0191;

2           (5) [~~(6)~~] expends campaign funds for any purpose other  
3 than those enumerated in Section 302.020;

4           (6) [~~(7)~~] knowingly retains contributions, assets  
5 purchased with contributions, or interest or other income earned on  
6 contributions in violation of Section 302.0201(b); or

7           (7) [~~(8)~~] knowingly fails to file the report of  
8 unexpended campaign funds as required by Section 302.0201(d).

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