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S.B. No. 1437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the electronic filing of reports of political
3 contributions and expenditures and of personal financial
4 statements by certain officeholders and candidates.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 254.036, Election Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

8 (f-1) A report filed under this chapter with an authority
9 other than the commission may be filed electronically by using
10 computer software developed by the commission, if the authority
11 with whom the report is required to be filed has adopted rules and
12 procedures to provide for the filing of the report using the
13 software.

14 SECTION 2. Section 145.004, Local Government Code, is
15 amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

16 (h) A financial statement filed under this chapter may be
17 filed electronically by using computer software developed by the
18 Texas Ethics Commission, if the clerk or secretary of the
19 municipality with whom the statement is required to be filed has
20 adopted rules and procedures to provide for the filing of the
21 statement using the software.

22 SECTION 3. Section 159.004(f), Local Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (f) A county clerk may adopt rules and procedures under this

1 section relating only to the manner in which a person must
2 electronically file a financial statement and the required format
3 of an electronically filed statement. Those rules may allow a
4 person to file a statement electronically by using computer
5 software developed by the Texas Ethics Commission.

6 SECTION 4. Section 159.0341(b), Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) An officer with whom a report is required to be filed
9 under this subchapter may adopt rules and procedures under this
10 section relating only to the manner in which a person must
11 electronically file a report and the required format of an
12 electronically filed report. Those rules may allow a person to file
13 a report electronically by using computer software developed by the
14 Texas Ethics Commission.

15 SECTION 5. Section 159.053, Local Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 (d) A financial statement filed under this subchapter may be
18 filed electronically by using computer software developed by the
19 commission, if the county clerk with whom the statement is required
20 to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the
21 filing of the statement using the software.

22 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.