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H.B. No. 505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on lobbyist expenditures from certain political contributions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 305.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 305.029. EXPENDITURES FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "political contribution," "political committee," and "political expenditure" have the meanings assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person required to register under this chapter may not, at any time following the date the last term for which the person was elected ends, knowingly make or authorize, from political contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or officeholder, a political expenditure that is a political contribution to another candidate, officeholder, or political committee.

(c) This section does not prohibit a person from making a political contribution or political expenditure in support of the person's own candidacy.

SECTION 2. Section 305.029, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to an expenditure made on or after January 8, 2019, from funds accepted as a political contribution, regardless of the date the funds were accepted.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 8, 2019.