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H.B. No. 1085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain prohibitions on contributions and expenditures
3 from political funds by a lobbyist; creating a criminal offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 253, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 253.006 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 253.006. CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY
8 LOBBYISTS PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, a person required to register under Chapter 305, Government
10 Code, may not knowingly make or authorize a political contribution
11 or political expenditure from political contributions accepted by
12 the person as a candidate or officeholder.

13 (b) A person who violates this section commits an offense.
14 An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 305.029 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 305.029. EXPENDITURES FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
18 PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "political contribution" has the
19 meaning assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
21 required to register under this chapter may not knowingly make or
22 authorize an expenditure under this chapter from political
23 contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or
24 officeholder.

1 SECTION 3. Section 253.006, Election Code, as added by this
2 Act, and Section 305.029, Government Code, as added by this Act,
3 apply to a political contribution, political expenditure, or
4 lobbying expenditure made on or after January 6, 2019, from funds
5 accepted as a political contribution, regardless of the date the
6 funds were accepted.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.