

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to required disclosures on certain mailed political
3 advertising; providing a civil penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 255, Election Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 255.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 255.010. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE ON SLATE MAILER. (a) In
8 this section, "slate mailer" means a mass mailing that supports or
9 opposes four or more candidates.

10 (b) This section does not apply to a slate mailer produced
11 by a general-purpose committee.

12 (c) In addition to the disclosure statement required by
13 Section 255.001 or 255.008, as applicable, the first page of a slate
14 mailer shall indicate the full name and address of each person with
15 final decision-making authority as to which candidates are
16 supported or opposed in the slate mailer.

17 (d) A person may not knowingly cause to be published or
18 distributed a slate mailer that does not include the disclosure
19 required by Subsection (c).

20 (e) A person who violates this section is liable to this
21 state for a civil penalty in an amount determined by the commission
22 not to exceed \$4,000.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.