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H.B. No. 3816

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration as a lobbyist of persons who make certain political contributions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 305.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person must register with the commission under this chapter if the person makes political contributions, as defined by Section 251.001, Election Code, to a candidate in the preceding calendar year that in the aggregate exceed \$10,000. For purposes of this chapter, the candidate to whom the person made contributions is considered to be the member of the executive or legislative branch with whom the person communicated, and the matters that must be disclosed are any matters about which the person communicates with the candidate. This subsection does not apply to a political committee that files reports under Chapter 254, Election Code. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. For purposes of Section 305.003(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, political contributions made before the effective date of this Act are not aggregated with political contributions made on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.