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H.B. No. 3903

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain political contributions by judicial candidates and officeholders and certain political committees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.1611, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e) This section does not apply to a political contribution made to the principal political committee of the state executive committee or a county executive committee of a political party ~~[that:~~

~~(1) is made in return for goods or services, including political advertising or a campaign communication, the value of which substantially equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution; or~~

~~(2) is in an amount that is not more than the candidate's or officeholder's pro rata share of the committee's normal overhead and administrative or operating costs].~~

(e-1) This subsection applies only to a political party required to nominate candidates by primary election. This section does not apply to a political contribution made to a political committee affiliated with:

(1) an organization that has been designated as an auxiliary, coalition, or county chair association of a political

1 party as provided by political party rule or state executive
2 committee bylaw; or

3 (2) a local chapter of an organization described by
4 Subdivision (1).

5 SECTION 2. Section 253.1611(f), Election Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.