

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 provides [÷

~~[(1) is made in return for] goods or services, including political advertising or a campaign communication, to or for the benefit of judicial candidates [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, for the purpose of sponsoring or attending an event, to a political committee affiliated with:

(1) an organization that has been designated as an

1 auxiliary, coalition, or county chair association of a political  
2 party as provided by political party rule or state executive  
3 committee bylaw; or

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

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 Section 253.1611(f), Election Code, is repealed.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3903 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 40, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3903 on May 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3903 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor