

House Bill 3903
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

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

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 Section 253.1611(f), Election Code, is repealed.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

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 [FA1(1)]~~

~~[(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: [FA1(2)]

(1) an organization that has been designated as an auxiliary, coalition, or county chair association of a political party as provided by political party rule or state executive committee bylaw; or

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

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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