

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 776

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to political contributions by corporations and labor organizations to certain political committees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 253, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 253.105 to read as follows:

Sec. 253.105. CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE ONLY COMMITTEES. A corporation or labor organization may make a political contribution from its own property to a political committee that:

(1) is not established or controlled by a candidate or an officeholder;

(2) makes or intends to make direct campaign expenditures;

(3) does not make or intend to make political contributions to:

(A) a candidate;

(B) an officeholder;

(C) a specific-purpose committee established or controlled by a candidate or an officeholder; or

(D) a political committee that makes or intends to make political contributions to a candidate, an officeholder, or a specific-purpose committee established or controlled by a candidate or an officeholder; and

1 (4) has filed an affidavit with the commission stating
2 the committee's intention to operate as described by Subdivisions
3 (2) and (3).

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.