

1-1 By: Goldman, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 2677  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019;  
1-3 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Fallon	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain restrictions on contributions and expenditures  
1-20 from political funds by a lobbyist.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 253, Election Code, is  
1-23 amended by adding Sections 253.006 and 253.007 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 253.006. CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY  
1-25 LOBBYISTS RESTRICTED. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
1-26 a person required to register under Chapter 305, Government Code,  
1-27 may not knowingly make or authorize a political contribution or  
1-28 political expenditure that is a political contribution to another  
1-29 candidate, officeholder, or political committee, or direct  
1-30 campaign expenditure, from political contributions accepted by:

1-31 (1) the person as a candidate or officeholder;

1-32 (2) a specific-purpose committee for the purpose of  
1-33 supporting the person as a candidate or assisting the person as an  
1-34 officeholder; or

1-35 (3) a political committee that accepted a political  
1-36 contribution from a source described by Subdivision (1) or (2)  
1-37 during the two-year period immediately before the date the  
1-38 political contribution or expenditure was made.

1-39 Sec. 253.007. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING BY PERSON MAKING OR  
1-40 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND DIRECT CAMPAIGN  
1-41 EXPENDITURES. (a) In this section, "administrative action,"  
1-42 "communicates directly with," "legislation," "member of the  
1-43 executive branch," and "member of the legislative branch" have the  
1-44 meanings assigned by Section 305.002, Government Code.

1-45 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as  
1-46 provided by Subsection (c), a person who knowingly makes or  
1-47 authorizes a political contribution or political expenditure that  
1-48 is a political contribution to another candidate, officeholder, or  
1-49 political committee, or direct campaign expenditure, from  
1-50 political contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or  
1-51 officeholder may not engage in any activities that require the  
1-52 person to register under Chapter 305, Government Code, during the  
1-53 two-year period after the date the person makes or authorizes the  
1-54 political contribution or direct campaign expenditure.

1-55 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a person who:

1-56 (1) communicates directly with a member of the  
1-57 legislative or executive branch only to influence legislation or  
1-58 administrative action on behalf of:

1-59 (A) a nonprofit organization exempt from federal  
1-60 income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of  
1-61 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that

2-1 code;

2-2 (B) a group of low-income individuals; or

2-3 (C) a group of individuals with disabilities;

2-4 and

2-5 (2) does not receive compensation other than  
2-6 reimbursement for actual expenses for engaging in communication  
2-7 described by Subdivision (1).

2-8 SECTION 2. Sections 305.029(a) and (b), Government Code,  
2-9 are amended to read as follows:

2-10 (a) In this section, "candidate," "political contribution,"  
2-11 "political committee," [~~and~~] "political expenditure," and  
2-12 "specific-purpose committee" have the meanings assigned by Section  
2-13 251.001, Election Code.

2-14 (b) A registrant, or a person on the registrant's behalf and  
2-15 with the registrant's consent or ratification, [Notwithstanding  
2-16 any other provision of law, a person required to register under this  
2-17 chapter] may not [~~at any time following the date the last term for~~  
2-18 which the person was elected ends,] knowingly make or authorize [~~at~~  
2-19 from political contributions accepted by the person as a candidate  
2-20 or officeholder, a political] an expenditure required to be  
2-21 reported under this chapter from [~~that is~~] a political contribution  
2-22 that was accepted by:

2-23 (1) the registrant as a [~~to another~~] candidate or [~~at~~  
2-24 officeholder;

2-25 (2) a specific-purpose committee for the purpose of  
2-26 supporting the registrant as a candidate or assisting the  
2-27 registrant as an officeholder; [~~at~~] or

2-28 (3) a political committee that accepted a political  
2-29 contribution described by Subdivision (1) or (2) during the  
2-30 two-year period immediately before the date the expenditure was  
2-31 made or authorized by the registrant.

2-32 SECTION 3. Sections 253.006 and 253.007, Election Code, as  
2-33 added by this Act, and Section 305.029, Government Code, as amended  
2-34 by this Act, apply to a political contribution, political  
2-35 expenditure, direct campaign expenditure, or lobbying expenditure  
2-36 made on or after September 27, 2019, from funds accepted as a  
2-37 political contribution, regardless of the date the funds were  
2-38 accepted.

2-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 27, 2019.

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