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S.B. No. 974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to policies and programs that permit the use of public money to finance political campaigns.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.012. CERTAIN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC MONEY PROHIBITED. A political subdivision of this state may not adopt or implement a policy or program that permits the use of public money or revenue of any kind to finance a political campaign. This section applies to a policy or program that permits:

(1) the direct use of public money or revenue by the political subdivision to finance a political campaign; or

(2) the indirect use of public money or revenue by the political subdivision through a voucher or similar program that provides a person with the public money or revenue to finance a political campaign.

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