

1-1 By: Campbell, Hall S.B. No. 974  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2019; March 1, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to policies and programs that permit the use of public  
 1-20 money to finance political campaigns.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended  
 1-23 by adding Section 140.012 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 140.012. CERTAIN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS REGARDING USE  
 1-25 OF PUBLIC MONEY PROHIBITED. A political subdivision of this state  
 1-26 may not adopt or implement a policy or program that permits the use  
 1-27 of public money or revenue of any kind to finance a political  
 1-28 campaign. This section applies to a policy or program that permits:

1-29 (1) the direct use of public money or revenue by the  
 1-30 political subdivision to finance a political campaign; or

1-31 (2) the indirect use of public money or revenue by the  
 1-32 political subdivision through a voucher or similar program that  
 1-33 provides a person with the public money or revenue to finance a  
 1-34 political campaign.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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