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H.B. No. 176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to filing of campaign treasurer appointments and campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 252, Election Code, is amended by amending Sections 252.005 and 252.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 252.005. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM APPOINTMENT FILED: CANDIDATE. An individual must file a campaign treasurer appointment for the individual's own candidacy with the commission[-

~~(1) the commission, if the appointment is made for candidacy for:~~

~~(A) a statewide office;~~

~~(B) a district office filled by voters of more than one county;~~

~~(C) a judicial district office filled by voters of only one county;~~

~~(D) state senator;~~

~~(E) state representative; or~~

~~(F) the State Board of Education;~~

~~(2) the county clerk, if the appointment is made for candidacy for a county office, a precinct office, or a district office other than one included in Subdivision (1);~~

~~(3) the clerk or secretary of the governing body of the~~

1 ~~political subdivision or, if the political subdivision has no clerk~~
2 ~~or secretary, with the governing body's presiding officer, if the~~
3 ~~appointment is made for candidacy for an office of a political~~
4 ~~subdivision other than a county,~~

5 ~~(4) the county clerk if:~~

6 ~~(A) the appointment is made for candidacy for an~~
7 ~~office of a political subdivision other than a county,~~

8 ~~(B) the governing body for the political~~
9 ~~subdivision has not been formed; and~~

10 ~~(C) no boundary of the political subdivision~~
11 ~~crosses a boundary of the county; or~~

12 ~~(5) the commission if:~~

13 ~~(A) the appointment is made for candidacy for an~~
14 ~~office of a political subdivision other than a county,~~

15 ~~(B) the governing body for the political~~
16 ~~subdivision has not been formed; and~~

17 ~~(C) the political subdivision is situated in more~~
18 ~~than one county].~~

19 Sec. 252.007. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM APPOINTMENT FILED:
20 SPECIFIC-PURPOSE COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING MEASURE. A
21 specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a measure
22 must file its campaign treasurer appointment with the commission[+

23 ~~(1) the commission, if the measure is to be submitted~~
24 ~~to voters of the entire state,~~

25 ~~(2) the county clerk, if the measure is to be submitted~~
26 ~~to voters of a single county in an election ordered by a county~~
27 ~~authority,~~

1 ~~(3) the secretary of the governing body of the~~
2 ~~political subdivision or, if the political subdivision has no~~
3 ~~secretary, with the governing body's presiding officer, if the~~
4 ~~measure is to be submitted at an election ordered by an authority of~~
5 ~~a political subdivision other than a county,~~

6 ~~(4) the county clerk if:~~

7 ~~(A) the measure concerns a political subdivision~~
8 ~~other than a county,~~

9 ~~(B) the governing body for the political~~
10 ~~subdivision has not been formed; and~~

11 ~~(C) no boundary of the political subdivision~~
12 ~~crosses a boundary of a county; or~~

13 ~~(5) the commission if:~~

14 ~~(A) the measure concerns a political subdivision~~
15 ~~other than a county,~~

16 ~~(B) the governing body for the political~~
17 ~~subdivision has not been formed; and~~

18 ~~(C) the political subdivision is situated in more~~
19 ~~than one county].~~

20 SECTION 2. Section 252.008, Election Code, is repealed.

21 SECTION 3. Section 254.006, Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Sec. 254.066. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
24 under this subchapter shall be filed with the commission [~~the~~
25 ~~authority with whom the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment~~
26 ~~is required to be filed]~~.

27 SECTION 4. Section 254.097, Election Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 254.097. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
3 under this subchapter shall be filed with the commission [~~the~~
4 ~~authority with whom a campaign treasurer appointment by a candidate~~
5 ~~for the office held by the officeholder is required to be filed~~].

6 SECTION 5. Section 254.130, Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 254.130. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports
9 [~~(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports~~] filed under
10 this subchapter shall be filed with the commission [~~authority with~~
11 ~~whom the political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is~~
12 ~~required to be filed~~].

13 ~~(b) A specific-purpose committee created to support or~~
14 ~~oppose a measure on the issuance of bonds by a school district shall~~
15 ~~file reports under this subchapter with the commission~~].

16 SECTION 6. Section 254.202, Election Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 254.202. FILING OF REPORT; CONTENTS. (a) A person
19 shall file the report required by Section 254.201 not earlier than
20 January 1 or later than January 15 of each year following the year
21 in which the person files a final report under this chapter.

22 (b) The report shall be filed with the commission [~~authority~~
23 ~~with whom the person's campaign treasurer appointment was required~~
24 ~~to be filed~~].

25 (c) The report must include:

26 (1) the person's full name and address;

27 (2) the full name and address of each person to whom a

1 payment from unexpended political contributions was made during the
2 previous year;

3 (3) the date, amount, and purpose of each payment made
4 under Subdivision (2);

5 (4) the total amount of unexpended political
6 contributions as of December 31 of the previous year; and

7 (5) the total amount of interest and other income
8 earned on unexpended political contributions during the previous
9 year.

10 SECTION 7. Section 254.205, Election Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 254.205. REPORT OF DISPOSITION OF UNEXPENDED
13 CONTRIBUTIONS. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date the
14 six-year period prescribed by Section 254.203 ends, the person
15 required to dispose of unexpended political contributions shall
16 file a report of the disposition.

17 (b) The report shall be filed with the commission [~~authority~~
18 ~~with whom the person's campaign treasurer appointment was required~~
19 ~~to be filed~~].

20 (c) The report must include:

21 (1) the person's full name and address;

22 (2) the full name and address of each person to whom a
23 payment from unexpended political contributions is made; and

24 (3) the date and amount of each payment reported under
25 Subdivision (2).

26 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.