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S.B. No. 1761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of certain reports of political contributions and expenditures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.038(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A report under this section shall be filed electronically, by ~~telegram or~~ telephonic facsimile machine, or by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission must receive a report under this section filed by ~~telegram,~~ telephonic facsimile machine ~~or~~ or hand not later than 5 p.m. of the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted. The commission must receive a report under this section filed electronically not later than midnight of the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted. A report under this section is not required to be accompanied by the affidavit required under Section 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by the commission. A report under this section that complies with Section 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1) unless the candidate or committee has submitted an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1) with another report filed in connection with the election for which a report is required under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 254.039(a-1), Election Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (a-1) A report under this section shall be filed  
3 electronically, by [~~telegram or~~] telephonic facsimile machine, or  
4 by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission  
5 must receive a report under this section not later than 5 p.m. of  
6 the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted  
7 or the expenditure is made. A report under this section is not  
8 required to be accompanied by the affidavit required under Section  
9 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by the  
10 commission. A report under this section that complies with Section  
11 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under Section  
12 254.036(c)(1) unless the committee has submitted an affidavit under  
13 Section 254.036(c)(1) with another report filed in connection with  
14 the election for which a report is required under this section.

15 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
16 a report of political contributions and expenditures that is filed  
17 on or after the effective date of this Act. A report filed before  
18 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at  
19 the time the report was filed, and the former law is continued in  
20 effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.