

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1761  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; March 26, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2021, 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 the filing of certain reports of political  
 1-20 contributions and expenditures.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 254.038(c), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (c) A report under this section shall be filed  
 1-25 electronically, by ~~telegram or~~ telephonic facsimile machine, or  
 1-26 by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission  
 1-27 must receive a report under this section filed by ~~telegram,~~  
 1-28 telephonic facsimile machine ~~or~~ or hand not later than 5 p.m. of the  
 1-29 first business day after the date the contribution is accepted. The  
 1-30 commission must receive a report under this section filed  
 1-31 electronically not later than midnight of the first business day  
 1-32 after the date the contribution is accepted. A report under this  
 1-33 section is not required to be accompanied by the affidavit required  
 1-34 under Section 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by  
 1-35 the commission. A report under this section that complies with  
 1-36 Section 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under  
 1-37 Section 254.036(c)(1) unless the candidate or committee has  
 1-38 submitted an affidavit under Section 254.036(c)(1) with another  
 1-39 report filed in connection with the election for which a report is  
 1-40 required under this section.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 254.039(a-1), Election Code, is amended  
 1-42 to read as follows:

1-43 (a-1) A report under this section shall be filed  
 1-44 electronically, by ~~telegram or~~ telephonic facsimile machine, or  
 1-45 by hand, in the form required by Section 254.036. The commission  
 1-46 must receive a report under this section not later than 5 p.m. of  
 1-47 the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted  
 1-48 or the expenditure is made. A report under this section is not  
 1-49 required to be accompanied by the affidavit required under Section  
 1-50 254.036(h) or to be submitted on a form prescribed by the  
 1-51 commission. A report under this section that complies with Section  
 1-52 254.036(a) must be accompanied by an affidavit under Section  
 1-53 254.036(c)(1) unless the committee has submitted an affidavit under  
 1-54 Section 254.036(c)(1) with another report filed in connection with  
 1-55 the election for which a report is required under this section.

1-56 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-57 a report of political contributions and expenditures that is filed  
 1-58 on or after the effective date of this Act. A report filed before  
 1-59 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at  
 1-60 the time the report was filed, and the former law is continued in  
 1-61 effect for that purpose.

2-1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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