

Amend CSHB 1585 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, strike lines 9 through 14, and substitute the following:

supporting or opposing legislation is considered political advertising under that subdivision if the communication would appear to an ordinary reader, viewer, or listener to express support or opposition of:

(1) a member of the legislature who authors or sponsors the legislation; or

(2) a member of the legislature who supports or opposes the legislation.

(2) On page 2, strike lines 2 through 12 and substitute the following:

(1) the amount of political contributions, other than political contributions described by Subdivision (1-a), from each person that in the aggregate exceed \$50 and that are accepted during the reporting period by the person or committee required to file a report under this chapter, the full name and address of the person making the contributions, and the dates of the contributions;

(1-a) the amount of political contributions from each person that are made electronically and that are accepted during the reporting period by the person or committee required to file a report under this chapter, the full name and address of the person making the contributions, and the dates of the contributions;

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 253.035, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) The prohibitions prescribed by Subsections (a) and (b) include the personal use of a political contribution accepted by a person as a candidate or officeholder or by a specific-purpose committee for supporting or assisting the person as a candidate or officeholder to settle a civil action asserting a claim against the person as a candidate or officeholder.

SECTION _____. Section 253.035, Election Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to the use of a political contribution that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. The use of a

political contribution that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the use occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.