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H.B. No. 3372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the reporting of political contributions, including
3 in-kind contributions, and expenditures made using a credit card.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 254.044 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 254.044. REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND
8 EXPENDITURES MADE USING CREDIT CARD. (a) A candidate or
9 officeholder who accepts a political contribution made using a
10 credit card shall:

11 (1) for a political contribution for which a
12 processing fee is deducted by the credit card issuer from the
13 political contribution amount:

14 (A) report as a political contribution the full
15 amount, including the deducted amount; and

16 (B) report as a political expenditure the
17 deducted amount; and

18 (2) for a political contribution for which a
19 processing fee is paid by the person making the political
20 contribution in excess of the political contribution amount:

21 (A) report as a political contribution the full
22 amount, not including the amount paid in excess of the political
23 contribution amount; and

24 (B) report as an in-kind contribution the amount

1 paid in excess of the political contribution amount.

2 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and
3 for purposes of reporting in-kind contributions under Subsection
4 (a)(2)(B), a candidate or officeholder may aggregate those in-kind
5 contributions for the reporting period during which the in-kind
6 contributions are accepted.

7 SECTION 2. Section 254.044, Election Code, as added by this
8 Act, applies only to a report of political contributions and
9 expenditures under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to
10 be filed on or after January 1, 2024.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.