

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, report
21 only as a political contribution the full amount the candidate or
22 officeholder accepts, not including the amount paid in excess of
23 the political contribution amount.

24 (b) A candidate or officeholder who accepts a political

1 contribution described by Subsection (a)(2) is not required to
2 report the excess amount paid as a processing fee by the person
3 making the political contribution.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3372 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3372 on May 25, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3372 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 3372

I certify that H.B. No. 3372 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3372 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor