

1-1 By: Thimesch, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 3372
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the reporting of political contributions, including
 1-22 in-kind contributions, and expenditures made using a credit card.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 254.044 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 254.044. REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND
 1-27 EXPENDITURES MADE USING CREDIT CARD. (a) A candidate or
 1-28 officeholder who accepts a political contribution made using a
 1-29 credit card shall:

1-30 (1) for a political contribution for which a
 1-31 processing fee is deducted by the credit card issuer from the
 1-32 political contribution amount:

1-33 (A) report as a political contribution the full
 1-34 amount, including the deducted amount; and

1-35 (B) report as a political expenditure the
 1-36 deducted amount; and

1-37 (2) for a political contribution for which a
 1-38 processing fee is paid by the person making the political
 1-39 contribution in excess of the political contribution amount:

1-40 (A) report as a political contribution the full
 1-41 amount, not including the amount paid in excess of the political
 1-42 contribution amount; and

1-43 (B) report as an in-kind contribution the amount
 1-44 paid in excess of the political contribution amount.

1-45 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and
 1-46 for purposes of reporting in-kind contributions under Subsection
 1-47 (a)(2)(B), a candidate or officeholder may aggregate those in-kind
 1-48 contributions for the reporting period during which the in-kind
 1-49 contributions are accepted.

1-50 SECTION 2. Section 254.044, Election Code, as added by this
 1-51 Act, applies only to a report of political contributions and
 1-52 expenditures under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to
 1-53 be filed on or after January 1, 2024.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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