| **House Bill 3372**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.044 to read as follows:  Sec. 254.044. REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES MADE USING CREDIT CARD. (a) A candidate or officeholder who accepts a political contribution made using a credit card shall:  (1) for a political contribution for which a processing fee is deducted by the credit card issuer from the political contribution amount:  (A) report as a political contribution the full amount, including the deducted amount; and  (B) report as a political expenditure the deducted amount; and  (2) for a political contribution for which a processing fee is paid by the person making the political contribution in excess of the political contribution amount:  (A) report as a political contribution the full amount, not including the amount paid in excess of the political contribution amount; and  (B) report as an in-kind contribution the amount paid in excess of the political contribution amount.  (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and for purposes of reporting in-kind contributions under Subsection (a)(2)(B), a candidate or officeholder may aggregate those in-kind contributions for the reporting period during which the in-kind contributions are accepted. | SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.044 to read as follows:  Sec. 254.044. REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES MADE USING CREDIT CARD. (a) A candidate or officeholder who accepts a political contribution made using a credit card shall:  (1) for a political contribution for which a processing fee is deducted by the credit card issuer from the political contribution amount:  (A) report as a political contribution the full amount, including the deducted amount; and  (B) report as a political expenditure the deducted amount; and  (2) for a political contribution for which a processing fee is paid by the person making the political contribution in excess of the political contribution amount,  report as a political contribution the full amount, including the amount paid in excess of the political contribution amount.  (b) The commission may not require a candidate or officeholder who accepts a political contribution described by Subsection (a)(2) to report as a political expenditure the excess amount paid as a processing fee by the person making the political contribution. [FA1] |  |
| SECTION 2. Section 254.044, Election Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a report of political contributions and expenditures under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to be filed on or after January 1, 2024. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023. | SECTION 3. Same as House version. |  |