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H.B. No. 999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electronic reporting of political contributions and expenditures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.036(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection [~~(c)~~] (d), (e), (f), or (g), each report filed under this chapter with the commission must be filed by computer diskette, modem, or other means of electronic transfer, using computer software provided by the commission or computer software that meets commission specifications for a standard file format.

SECTION 2. Section 254.0401(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the commission may not make a report filed with the commission under Section 254.036(b) for a reporting deadline by any candidate for a particular office or by a specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing only one candidate for a particular office available to the public on the Internet until each candidate for that office and each specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing only one candidate for that office, other than a candidate or committee to which Section 254.036 [~~254.036(c) or~~] (d) applies, has filed a report for that reporting deadline. Regardless of whether each

1 candidate for a particular office and each specific-purpose
2 committee for supporting or opposing only one candidate for that
3 office has filed a report for a filing deadline, the commission
4 shall make each report in connection with that office available on
5 the Internet and by any other electronic means on:

6 (1) the 21st day after the date of the filing deadline,
7 for a report other than a report required to be filed under Section
8 254.064(c); or

9 (2) the fourth day after the date of the filing
10 deadline, for a report required to be filed under Section
11 254.064(c).

12 SECTION 3. Section 254.036(c), Election Code, is repealed.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
14 applies only to a report filed under Chapter 254, Election Code, on
15 or after that date.