

1-1 By: Madden, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 999  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 1, 2003;  
1-3 April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 999 By: Ellis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to electronic reporting of political contributions and  
1-11 expenditures.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 254.036(b), Election Code, is amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (b) Except as provided by Subsection [~~(c)~~] (d), (e), (f),  
1-16 or (g), each report filed under this chapter with the commission  
1-17 must be filed by computer diskette, modem, or other means of  
1-18 electronic transfer, using computer software provided by the  
1-19 commission or computer software that meets commission  
1-20 specifications for a standard file format.

1-21 SECTION 2. Section 254.0401(b), Election Code, is amended  
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the  
1-24 commission may not make a report filed with the commission under  
1-25 Section 254.036(b) for a reporting deadline by any candidate for a  
1-26 particular office or by a specific-purpose committee for supporting  
1-27 or opposing only one candidate for a particular office available to  
1-28 the public on the Internet until each candidate for that office and  
1-29 each specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing only one  
1-30 candidate for that office, other than a candidate or committee to  
1-31 which Section 254.036 [~~254.036(c) or~~] (d) applies, has filed a  
1-32 report for that reporting deadline. Regardless of whether each  
1-33 candidate for a particular office and each specific-purpose  
1-34 committee for supporting or opposing only one candidate for that  
1-35 office has filed a report for a filing deadline, the commission  
1-36 shall make each report in connection with that office available on  
1-37 the Internet and by any other electronic means on:

1-38 (1) the 21st day after the date of the filing deadline,  
1-39 for a report other than a report required to be filed under Section  
1-40 254.064(c); or

1-41 (2) the fourth day after the date of the filing  
1-42 deadline, for a report required to be filed under Section  
1-43 254.064(c).

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 254.036(c), Election Code, is repealed.

1-45 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
1-46 applies only to a report filed under Chapter 254, Election Code, on  
1-47 or after that date.

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