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H.B. No. 306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a disclosure on advertisements made by a general-purpose committee of certain political contributions made to the committee.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 255, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 255.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 255.010. DISCLOSURE BY GENERAL-PURPOSE COMMITTEE. A general-purpose committee may not knowingly publish, distribute, or broadcast a political advertisement containing express advocacy that does not disclose in the advertising the identity of any person who has made political contributions to the general-purpose committee that in the aggregate exceed \$10,000. The disclosure must include:

(1) the name of the person who made the contributions;

(2) the city and state in which the person making the contributions resides;

(3) the principal occupation of the person making the contributions; and

(4) the amount of the contributions.

SECTION 2. Section 255.010, Election Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an advertisement that is published, distributed, or broadcast by a general-purpose committee on or after September 1, 2011. An advertisement that is published,

1 distributed, or broadcast by a general-purpose committee before
2 September 1, 2011, is governed by the law in effect immediately
3 before September 1, 2011, and the former law is continued in effect
4 for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.