

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 346
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 4, 2013; February 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 8, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; April 8, 2013,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13		X		
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 346 By: Van de Putte

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to reporting requirements of certain persons who do not
1-22 meet the definition of political committee.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 254.261, Election Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-26 (e) This section does not apply to a person to whom
1-27 Subchapter K applies.

1-28 SECTION 2. Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding
1-29 Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-30 SUBCHAPTER K. REPORTING BY CERTAIN PERSONS WHO DO NOT MEET THE
1-31 DEFINITION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1-32 Sec. 254.281. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. (a) This
1-33 subchapter applies only to a person or a group of persons that:

1-34 (1) does not meet the definition of political
1-35 committee under Section 251.001(12);

1-36 (2) accepts political contributions as described by
1-37 Subsection (c); and

1-38 (3) makes one or more political expenditures,
1-39 excluding expenditures authorized by Section 253.098, 253.099,
1-40 253.100, or 253.104, that in the aggregate exceed \$25,000 during a
1-41 calendar year.

1-42 (b) This subchapter does not apply to a labor organization
1-43 or any subordinate entity or associated account of a labor
1-44 organization.

1-45 (c) A person or group of persons accepts political
1-46 contributions if its members or donors make a payment, including
1-47 dues, to the person or group of persons and, at the time of making
1-48 the payments, the members or donors have reason to know that their
1-49 payments may be used to make political contributions or political
1-50 expenditures or may be commingled with other funds used to make
1-51 political contributions or political expenditures.

1-52 Sec. 254.282. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Except as
1-53 otherwise provided by this subchapter, a person or group of persons
1-54 shall comply with this chapter as if the person or group of persons
1-55 were the campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee that
1-56 does not file monthly reports under Section 254.155.

1-57 (b) A person or group of persons is not required to file a
1-58 campaign treasurer appointment for making expenditures or
1-59 contributions for which reporting is required under this section
1-60 unless the person is otherwise required to file a campaign

2-1 treasurer appointment under this title.

2-2 (c) A person or group of persons is not required to file a
2-3 report under this subchapter if:

2-4 (1) the person or group of persons is required to
2-5 disclose the expenditure or contribution in another report required
2-6 under this title within the time applicable under this section for
2-7 reporting the expenditure or contribution; or

2-8 (2) no reportable activity occurs during the reporting
2-9 period.

2-10 Sec. 254.283. CONTENTS OF REPORT. (a) Itemization of a
2-11 contribution under Section 254.031(a)(1) is required only if the
2-12 contribution exceeds \$1,000 during the reporting period.

2-13 (b) The first report required to be filed in a calendar year
2-14 in which the \$25,000 threshold under Section 254.281(a)(3) is
2-15 exceeded must include all political contributions accepted and all
2-16 political expenditures made in that calendar year.

2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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