

1-1 By: Davis of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 2471  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;  
 1-4 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-5 Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to prohibiting political contributions and political  
 1-21 expenditures made by certain persons with public funds; creating a  
 1-22 criminal offense.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 253, Election Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Section 253.007 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 253.007. UNLAWFUL USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR  
 1-27 CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES. (a) An officer or employee of a  
 1-28 political subdivision may not spend or authorize the spending of  
 1-29 public funds to make a political contribution or a political  
 1-30 expenditure.

1-31 (b) An officer or employee of a political subdivision may  
 1-32 not directly or indirectly employ a person to use public funds to  
 1-33 make an unlawful political contribution or political expenditure.

1-34 (c) A person who violates Subsection (a) or (b) commits an  
 1-35 offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 253.007, Election Code, as added by this  
 1-37 Act, applies only to a political contribution or a political  
 1-38 expenditure made on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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