

By: Larson

H.B. No. 3305

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3305:

By: Davis of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 3305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on certain contributions by persons appointed to public office by the governor.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 601, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 601.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 601.012. CERTAIN DONORS INELIGIBLE FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS; CONTRIBUTIONS BY GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "political contribution" and "specific-purpose committee" have the meanings assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

(b) An individual is ineligible to serve as an officer appointed by the governor if during the year preceding the date of appointment the individual made political contributions that in the aggregate exceeded \$2,500 to:

(1) the governor; or

(2) a specific-purpose committee supporting the governor as a candidate or assisting the governor as an officeholder.

(c) An individual serving as an officer appointed by the governor may not during any single year in which the individual serves in that office make political contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$2,500 to the governor or a specific-purpose committee supporting the governor as a candidate or assisting the

1 governor as an officeholder. An individual who violates this  
2 section is liable in damages to this state in the amount of triple  
3 the amount of contributions in a single year that exceed the limit  
4 prescribed by this subsection.

5 (d) For purposes of Subsection (b) or (c), a political  
6 contribution made by the spouse or dependent child of an individual  
7 or a political contribution from an organization made in the  
8 individual's name and with the individual's consent is considered  
9 to be a contribution made by the individual.

10 (e) Before taking office, an individual appointed by the  
11 governor must sign an attestation that during the year preceding  
12 the appointment the individual, the individual's spouse or  
13 dependent child, and an organization in the individual's name and  
14 with the individual's consent did not make political contributions  
15 exceeding \$2,500 to the governor or a specific-purpose committee  
16 supporting the governor as a candidate or assisting the governor as  
17 an officeholder.

18 SECTION 2. Section 601.012, Government Code, as added by  
19 this Act, applies to an appointment made on or after the effective  
20 date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.