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H.B. No. 3305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility for appointment to public office by the governor of persons who make certain contributions.

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. (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 officeholder.

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

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