

1-1 By: Burkett (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 3903
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-16		X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain political contributions by judicial candidates
 1-20 and officeholders and certain political committees.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 253.1611, Election Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (e) This section does not apply to a political contribution
 1-26 made to the principal political committee of the state executive
 1-27 committee or a county executive committee of a political party
 1-28 [~~that:~~

1-29 ~~(1) is made in return for goods or services,~~
 1-30 ~~including political advertising or a campaign communication, the~~
 1-31 ~~value of which substantially equals or exceeds the amount of the~~
 1-32 ~~contribution; or~~

1-33 ~~(2) is in an amount that is not more than the~~
 1-34 ~~candidate's or officeholder's pro rata share of the committee's~~
 1-35 ~~normal overhead and administrative or operating costs].~~

1-36 (e-1) This subsection applies only to a political party
 1-37 required to nominate candidates by primary election. This section
 1-38 does not apply to a political contribution made to a political
 1-39 committee affiliated with:

1-40 (1) an organization that has been designated as an
 1-41 auxiliary, coalition, or county chair association of a political
 1-42 party as provided by political party rule or state executive
 1-43 committee bylaw; or

1-44 (2) a local chapter of an organization described by
 1-45 Subdivision (1).

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 253.1611(f), Election Code, is repealed.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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