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S.B. No. 1152

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1152:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in
3 a courthouse; providing penalties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 253.039, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (a-1), (b-1), and
7 (h) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A person may not knowingly make or authorize a
9 political contribution while in a courthouse to:

10 (1) a candidate for or holder of an office described by
11 Section 253.151 or the office of justice of the peace;

12 (2) a specific-purpose committee for supporting or
13 opposing a candidate for or assisting a holder of an office
14 described by Section 253.151 or the office of justice of the peace;
15 or

16 (3) a person acting on behalf of a candidate,
17 officeholder, or committee described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

18 (b-1) A person described by Subsection (a-1) may not
19 knowingly accept a political contribution, and shall refuse a
20 political contribution that is received, in a courthouse.

21 (c) This section does not prohibit contributions made in the
22 Capitol or a courthouse through the United States postal service or
23 a common or contract carrier.

24 (h) In this section, "courthouse" means any building owned

1 by the state, a county, or a municipality, or an office or part of a
2 building leased to the state, a county, or a municipality, in which
3 a justice or judge sits to conduct court proceedings.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.