

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1152
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2009; March 13, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 7, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in
1-9 a courthouse; providing penalties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 253.039, Election Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (h) to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (a) A person may not knowingly make or authorize a political
1-15 contribution while in the Capitol or a courthouse to:

1-16 (1) a candidate or officeholder;

1-17 (2) a political committee; or

1-18 (3) a person acting on behalf of a candidate,
1-19 officeholder, or political committee.

1-20 (b) A candidate, officeholder, or political committee or a
1-21 person acting on behalf of a candidate, officeholder, or political
1-22 committee may not knowingly accept a political contribution, and
1-23 shall refuse a political contribution that is received, in the
1-24 Capitol or a courthouse.

1-25 (c) This section does not prohibit contributions made in the
1-26 Capitol or a courthouse through the United States postal service or
1-27 a common or contract carrier.

1-28 (h) In this section, "courthouse" means any building owned
1-29 or occupied by the state, a county, or a municipality, including a
1-30 building or office leased to the state, a county, or a municipality,
1-31 in which a justice or judge sits to conduct court proceedings.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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