

**CHAPTER 170**

**H.B. No. 318**

An Act relating to exempting unopposed candidates from filing reports required to be filed within 48 hours of accepting certain contributions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 243(C-1), Texas Election Code (Article 14.07, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is amended to read as follows:

(C-1) In addition to the filing of a sworn statement under this section, the information required to be reported on the statement regarding contributions from a person that in the aggregate exceed \$1,000 to an opposed [a] candidate for the office of state senator or to a specific purpose political committee organized in support of or in opposition to any [such] candidate for the office of state ator or \$200 to an opposed [a] candidate for the office of state representative or to a specific purpose political committee organized in support of or in opposition to any [such] candidate for the office of state representative and that are knowingly accepted during the period beginning on the ninth day before election day and ending at 12:00 noon on the second day before election day shall be reported by such candidate or specific purpose political committee by telegram or delivered by hand to the secretary of state within 48 hours of acceptance.

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on March 28, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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