

CHAPTER 531

S.B. No. 1196

AN ACT

relating to certain expenditures and contributions under Title 15, Election Code.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 253.037, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Subsection (a) does not apply to a political party's county executive committee that is complying with Section 253.031 or to a general-purpose committee that accepts contributions from a multicandidate political committee (as defined by the Federal Election Campaign Act) that is registered with the Federal Election Commission, provided that the general-purpose committee is in compliance with Section 253.032.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 253.031, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A political committee may not knowingly accept [a] political contributions totaling more than \$500 [contribution] or make or authorize [a] political expenditures totaling more than \$500 [expenditure] at a time when a campaign treasurer appointment for the committee is not in effect.

SECTION 3. Section 254.161, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.161. NOTICE TO CANDIDATE AND OFFICEHOLDER OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES. If a general-purpose committee *other than the principal political committee of a political party or a political committee established by a political party's county executive committee* accepts political contributions or makes political expenditures for a candidate or officeholder, notice of that fact shall be given to the affected candidate or officeholder as provided by Section 254.128 for a specific-purpose committee.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 5. 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 the Senate on March 31, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 8, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.