

CHAPTER 487

H.B. No. 1608

AN ACT

relating to reports filed by specific purpose political committees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 251.002(b)(1), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Every candidate for nomination to or election to a state or district office and every specific purpose political committee in any such election or in an election involving a statewide or district measure and every general purpose political committee shall designate a campaign treasurer by written appointment filed with the Secretary of State, and may also designate assistant campaign treasurers for each county by written appointment to be filed either with the county clerk of said county, or the Secretary of State. *The written appointment of a campaign treasurer filed by a specific purpose political committee in an election involving a state or district office must include the name of the candidate the committee supports or opposes and the office sought by the candidate. If that information changes, the specific purpose political committee shall immediately file an amended appointment to reflect those changes.*

SECTION 2. Section 251.011(i)(4)(B)(i), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) Every opposed candidate and every specific purpose political committee, *excluding a specific purpose political committee organized in support of only unopposed candidates*, shall file three sworn statements relating to the election in

which such person is involved in addition to any statement as provided in Subdivision (4)(B)(iii) of this subsection. The three sworn statements shall be filed not later than the 30th day prior to the election, not later than the 7th day prior to the election, and not later than the 30th day after the election, respectively. The period reported in the first such statement shall begin on the day of campaign treasurer designation or on the day after the end of the period covered by the last required statement, as applicable, and end on and include the 40th day prior to the election. The period reported in the second such statement shall begin on the 39th day before the election and end on and include the 10th day before the election. The period reported in the third such statement shall begin on the 9th day before the election and end on and include the 25th day after the election. In the event an opposed candidate or a specific purpose political committee, *excluding a specific purpose political committee organized in support of only unopposed candidates*, becomes involved in an election after the end of any period covered by the regular reports otherwise required herein, the first applicable sworn statement shall be filed at the next regularly required deadline and its reporting period shall begin on the date of designation of campaign treasurer or on the day after the end of the period covered by the last required statement, as applicable.

SECTION 3. Section 251.011(i)(4)(C), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(C) Every unopposed candidate *and every specific purpose political committee organized in support of only unopposed candidates* shall file two sworn statements during the year in which an election occurs in which the unopposed candidate *or specific purpose political committee* is involved. The statements shall be filed on or before July 15 of the year in which the election occurs and on or before January 15 of the year following the election. The period reported in the first such statement begins on January 1 or the day of campaign treasurer designation, as applicable, and ends on and includes June 30. The period reported in the second such statement begins on July 1 and ends on and includes December 31.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 by the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.