

Chapter 905

H.B. No. 3903

AN ACT

relating to certain political contributions by judicial candidates and officeholders and certain political committees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.1611, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e) This section does not apply to a political contribution made to the principal political committee of the state executive committee or a county executive committee of a political party that provides [+

~~[(1) is made in return for]~~ goods or services, including political advertising or a campaign communication, to or for the benefit of judicial candidates ~~[the value of which substantially equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution, or~~

~~[(2) is in an amount that is not more than the candidate's or officeholder's pro rata share of the committee's normal overhead and administrative or operating costs].~~

(e-1) This subsection applies only to a political party required to nominate candidates by primary election. This section does not apply to a political contribution made, for the purpose of sponsoring or attending an event, to a political committee affiliated with:

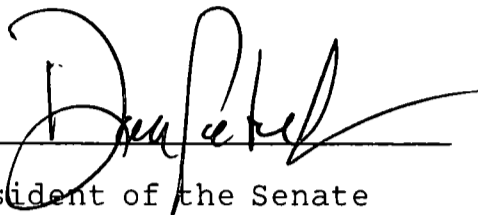
(1) an organization that has been designated as an

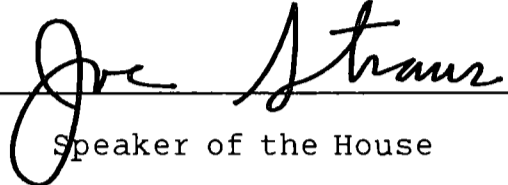
1 auxiliary, coalition, or county chair association of a political  
2 party as provided by political party rule or state executive  
3 committee bylaw; or

4 (2) a local chapter of an organization described by  
5 Subdivision (1).

6 SECTION 2. Section 253.1611(f), Election Code, is repealed.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.


  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3903 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 40, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3903 on May 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

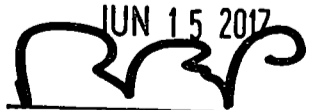
I certify that H.B. No. 3903 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6 - 10 - 2017  
Date

  
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Governor

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 19, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3903** by Burkett (Relating to certain political contributions by judicial candidates and officeholders and certain political committees.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 356 Texas Ethics Commission

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, KK, NV, GGo

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 11, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 12, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Sarah Davis, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3903** by Burkett (Relating to certain political contributions by judicial candidates and officeholders and certain political committees.), **As Introduced**

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