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- 2 relating to the continuation and functions of the state employee
- 3 charitable campaign.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subdivision (11), Section 659.131, Government
- 6 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 (11) "Local campaign area" means <u>an area established</u>
- 8 by the state policy committee under Section 659.140(e)(1)(A) [the
- 9 county or counties] in which a local campaign is conducted as part
- 10 of the [manager conducts a] state employee charitable campaign.
- 11 SECTION 2. Subsection (g), Section 659.132, Government
- 12 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 (g) An authorization must direct the comptroller to
- 14 distribute the deducted funds to a participating federation or fund
- 15 or a local charitable organization selected by the state policy
- 16 <u>committee</u> [and a local campaign manager] as prescribed by rule.
- SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 659.133, Government
- 18 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (a) Participation by a state employee in a state employee
- 20 charitable campaign is voluntary. The state [Each] campaign
- 21 manager, any local employee committee or local campaign manager
- 22 appointed by the state policy committee, each charitable
- 23 organization, <u>each</u> state employee, and <u>each</u> state agency shall
- 24 inform state employees that deductions are voluntary.

- 1 SECTION 4. Section 659.140, Government Code, is amended by
- 2 amending Subsections (a), (b), (e), and (i) and adding Subsections
- 3 (c-1) and (e-1) to read as follows:
- 4 (a) The state employee charitable campaign policy committee
- 5 shall consist of nine $[\frac{13}{2}]$ members.
- 6 (b) The governor with the advice and consent of the senate
- 7 shall appoint \underline{two} [four] members who are state employees at the time
- 8 of their appointment and one member [three members] who is a [are]
- 9 retired state <u>employee</u> [<u>employees</u>] receiving benefits under
- 10 Chapter 814. The lieutenant governor and the comptroller shall
- 11 [may] appoint [not more than] three members each. An appointment to
- 12 the committee shall be made without regard to the race, color,
- 13 disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the
- 14 appointee. The state policy committee shall elect a chair
- 15 [chairman] biennially from its own membership.
- 16 <u>(c-1)</u> The governor, lieutenant governor, and comptroller
- 17 shall attempt to appoint members to the state policy committee from
- 18 institutions of higher education and a range of small, medium, and
- 19 large state agencies.
- 20 (e) The state policy committee shall:
- 21 (1) establish the organization and structure of the
- 22 state employee charitable campaign at the state and local levels,
- 23 <u>including:</u>
- 24 <u>(A) establishing</u> local campaign areas [based on
- 25 recommendations by the state advisory committee];
- 26 (B) appointing any local employee committees the
- 27 state policy committee considers necessary to assist the state

- 1 policy committee with evaluating applications from organizations
- 2 that seek to participate in the state employee charitable campaign
- 3 only in a local campaign area; and
- 4 (C) appointing any local campaign managers the
- 5 state policy committee considers necessary to administer the state
- 6 employee charitable campaign in a local campaign area;
- 7 (2) develop a strategic plan for the state employee
- 8 charitable campaign and make changes to improve the campaign as
- 9 necessary;
- 10 (3) in coordination with the state campaign manager,
- 11 post on the state employee charitable campaign Internet website
- 12 annual summary information regarding the state employee charitable
- 13 campaign's performance, including information about:
- 14 (A) state employee participation;
- 15 (B) the amount of donations pledged and
- 16 collected;
- (C) the amount of donations pledged to and
- 18 received by each charitable organization;
- (D) the total cost to administer the state
- 20 employee charitable campaign; and
- 21 (E) the balance of any surplus account maintained
- 22 by the state policy committee;
- 23 (4) [(2)] select as the state campaign manager:
- 24 (A) a federated community campaign organization;
- 25 or
- 26 (B) a charitable organization determined by the
- 27 state policy committee to have demonstrated the capacity to conduct

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   a state campaign;
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               (5) enter into a contract with the state campaign
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   manager selected under Subdivision (4) for the administration of
   the state employee charitable campaign;
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               (6) [(3)] determine the eligibility of:
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                    (A) a federation or fund and its affiliated
   agencies for statewide participation in the state employee
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   charitable campaign; and
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                    (B) if the state policy committee does not
   appoint a local employee committee, a charitable organization for
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   participation in the state employee charitable campaign in a local
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   campaign area;
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               (7) develop in coordination with the state campaign
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   manager, review, and approve:
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                    (A) an annual [(4) approve the recommended]
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   campaign plan;
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                    (B) an annual[7] budget, including:
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                         (i) costs related to contracting for the
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   administration of the state employee charitable campaign at the
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   state and local levels;
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                         (ii) costs related to changes or
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   improvements to the state employee charitable campaign; and
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                         (iii) other costs determined
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   prioritized by the state policy committee; and
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                    (C)
                         generic materials to be used for the [by]
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   campaign [managers];
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               (8) [\frac{(5)}{(5)}] oversee the state employee charitable
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- 1 campaign to ensure that all:
- 2 (A) campaign activities are conducted fairly and
- 3 equitably to promote unified solicitation on behalf of all
- 4 participants; and
- 5 (B) donations are appropriately distributed by a
- 6 federation or fund or a charitable organization that receives money
- 7 from the state employee charitable campaign; and
- 8 (9) [(6)] perform other duties prescribed by the
- 9 comptroller's rules.
- 10 (e-1) The comptroller shall provide administrative support
- 11 to the state policy committee, including assistance in:
- 12 (1) developing and overseeing contracts; and
- (2) developing the budget of the state employee
- 14 charitable campaign.
- 15 (i) The state employee charitable campaign policy committee
- 16 is subject to the Texas Sunset Act. Unless continued in existence
- 17 as provided by that chapter, the committee is abolished and
- 18 Government Code, Chapter 659, Subchapter I, and Sections 814.0095
- 19 and 814.0096 expire on September 1, 2017 [2013].
- SECTION 5. Subsection (c), Section 659.140, Government
- 21 Code, as amended by Chapters 280 (H.B. 1608), 1249 (S.B. 1664), and
- 22 1015 (H.B. 2549), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session,
- 23 2011, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 24 (c) [A member of the state policy committee may not receive
- 25 compensation for serving on the committee and is not entitled to
- 26 reimbursement from state funds for expenses incurred in performing
- 27 functions as a member of the committee.] The state policy

- 1 committee must:
- 2 (1) be composed of employees and retired state
- 3 employees receiving benefits under Chapter 814; and
- 4 (2) <u>in its membership</u>, represent employees at
- 5 different levels of employee classification.
- 6 SECTION 6. Subchapter I, Chapter 659, Government Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Sections 659.1401 and 659.1402 to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 Sec. 659.1401. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM STATE POLICY
- 10 COMMITTEE. (a) It is a ground for removal from the state policy
- 11 committee that a member:
- 12 (1) does not have at the time of taking office the
- 13 qualifications required by Section 659.140;
- 14 (2) does not maintain during service on the state
- 15 policy committee the qualifications required by Section 659.140;
- 16 (3) is ineligible for membership under Section
- 17 659.140;
- 18 (4) cannot, because of illness or disability,
- 19 discharge the member's duties for a substantial part of the member's
- 20 term; or
- 21 (5) is absent from more than half of the regularly
- 22 scheduled state policy committee meetings that the member is
- 23 eligible to attend during a calendar year without an excuse
- 24 approved by a majority vote of the state policy committee.
- 25 (b) The validity of an action of the state policy committee
- 26 is not affected by the fact that it is taken when a ground for
- 27 removal of a state policy committee member exists.

- 1 (c) If the chair of the state policy committee has knowledge
- 2 that a potential ground for removal exists, the chair shall notify
- 3 the governor and the attorney general that a potential ground for
- 4 removal exists. If the potential ground for removal involves the
- 5 chair, another member of the state policy committee shall notify
- 6 the governor and the attorney general that a potential ground for
- 7 removal exists.
- 8 Sec. 659.1402. TRAINING FOR STATE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
- 9 (a) A person who is appointed to and qualifies for office as a
- 10 member of the state policy committee may not vote, deliberate, or be
- 11 counted as a member in attendance at a meeting of the state policy
- 12 committee until the person completes a training program that
- 13 complies with this section.
- 14 (b) The training program must provide the person with
- 15 <u>information regarding</u>:
- 16 (1) the legislation that created the state employee
- 17 charitable campaign;
- 18 (2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of the
- 19 state employee charitable campaign;
- 20 (3) the results of the most recent formal audit of the
- 21 state employee charitable campaign;
- 22 (4) the requirements of laws relating to open
- 23 meetings, public information, administrative procedure, and
- 24 conflicts of interest; and
- 25 (5) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the
- 26 Texas Ethics Commission or adopted for the state employee
- 27 charitable campaign by the state policy committee.

- 1 SECTION 7. Section 659.141, Government Code, is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 659.141. STATE CAMPAIGN MANAGER. The state campaign
- 4 manager shall:
- 5 (1) <u>assist the state policy committee to:</u>
- 6 (A) develop a campaign plan;
- 7 (B) develop [(2) prepare] a [statewide]
- 8 campaign budget [in cooperation with local campaign managers]; and
- 9 (C) [(3)] prepare generic materials to be used
- 10 for the campaign [by campaign managers];
- 11 (2) [(4)] coordinate and facilitate campaign
- 12 services to state employees throughout the state;
- (3) $[\frac{(5)}{}]$ ensure that all state employee charitable
- 14 campaign activities are conducted fairly and equitably to promote
- 15 unified solicitation on behalf of all participants; [and]
- 16 $\underline{(4)}$ [$\overline{(6)}$] perform other duties prescribed by the
- 17 comptroller's rules; and
- 18 (5) perform other duties required by the contract with
- 19 the state policy committee.
- SECTION 8. Subsections (b) and (e), Section 659.142,
- 21 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) [Four members must represent campaign managers.] Four
- 23 members must represent statewide or local federations or funds
- 24 [that are not campaign managers]. Four members must represent
- 25 other charitable organizations participating in the state employee
- 26 <u>charitable campaign.</u>
- 27 (e) The state advisory committee shall:

- 1 (1) advise the comptroller and state policy committee
- 2 in adopting rules and establishing procedures for the operation and
- 3 management of the state employee charitable campaign; and
- 4 (2) provide input from charitable organizations
- 5 participating in the state employee charitable campaign to the
- 6 state policy committee [recommend the number, not to exceed 50, and
- 7 geographic scope of local campaign areas to the state policy
- 8 committee; and
- 9 [(3) review and submit the recommended campaign plan,
- 10 budget, and generic materials to be used by campaign managers].
- 11 SECTION 9. Section 659.145, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 659.145. TERMS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS; COMPENSATION.
- 14 (a) A member of the state advisory committee[, the state policy
- 15 committee, or a local employee committee] serves a two-year term.
- 16 (a-1) Members of the state policy committee serve staggered
- 17 terms of two years, with the terms of four or five members expiring
- 18 September 1 of each year.
- 19 (b) A member of the state advisory committee, the state
- 20 policy committee, or a local employee committee appointed by the
- 21 state policy committee may not receive compensation for serving on
- 22 the committee and is not entitled to reimbursement from state funds
- 23 for expenses incurred in performing functions as a member of the
- 24 committee.
- 25 SECTION 10. Section 659.146, Government Code, is amended by
- 26 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read
- 27 as follows:

- (e) An appeal from a decision of the state policy committee shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the committee. The appeals process must permit a charitable organization that is not approved for statewide participation to apply for participation in
- 5 <u>the</u> [a local] state employee charitable campaign only in a local
- 6 <u>campaign area</u>.
- 7 (f) The state policy committee shall develop guidelines for
- 8 evaluation of applications based on eligibility criteria under this
- 9 <u>section and Section 659.150.</u> The state policy committee shall make
- 10 the guidelines publicly available.
- 11 (g) A federation or organization that participated in the
- 12 state employee charitable campaign before June 20, 2003, is not
- 13 barred from participation in the program, both in terms of actual
- 14 participation and the purposes for which the contributions are
- 15 used, solely as a result of changes made by Sections 35, 36, 37, and
- 16 121(9) and (11), Chapter 1310 (H.B. 2425), Acts of the 78th
- 17 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003. This subsection does not
- 18 excuse a federation or organization from compliance with any other
- 19 <u>law</u>, rule, or state policy.
- SECTION 11. Section 659.147, Government Code, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- Sec. 659.147. ELIGIBILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR
- 23 LOCAL PARTICIPATION. (a) A charitable organization that seeks to
- 24 participate [local participation] in the [a] state employee
- 25 charitable campaign only in a local campaign area must apply to the
- 26 state policy committee [appropriate local employee committee]
- 27 during the annual eligibility determination period specified by the

- 1 state policy committee.
- 2 (b) The state policy committee, with assistance of any
- 3 applicable local employee committee appointed by the state policy
- 4 committee, shall review each application and may approve a
- 5 charitable organization for [local] participation only in a local
- 6 campaign area only if the organization qualifies as a local
- 7 charitable organization and is:
- 8 (1) an unaffiliated local organization; or
- 9 (2) a federation or fund or an affiliate of a
- 10 federation or fund that is not approved for statewide
- 11 participation.
- 12 (c) An affiliated organization of an eligible federation or
- 13 fund that does not qualify as a statewide charitable organization
- 14 under Section 659.146 because it does not provide services in two or
- 15 more noncontiguous standard metropolitan statistical areas may
- 16 apply to the state policy committee [a local employee committee]
- 17 for participation in the [a local] state employee charitable
- 18 campaign only in a local campaign area.
- 19 (d) An appeal from a decision of the state policy committee
- 20 regarding the eligibility of an organization to participate in the
- 21 state employee charitable campaign only in a local campaign area [a
- 22 local employee committee] shall be conducted in the manner
- 23 prescribed by the state policy committee.
- 24 (e) The state policy committee shall develop guidelines for
- 25 evaluation of applications based on eligibility criteria under this
- 26 <u>section and Section 659.150</u>. The state policy committee shall make
- 27 the guidelines publicly available.

- 1 SECTION 12. Section 659.148, Government Code, is amended by
- 2 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1)
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 (a) The state [A] campaign manager or any local campaign
- 5 manager appointed by the state policy committee may not charge a fee
- 6 to the comptroller, a state agency, or a state employee for the
- 7 services the state campaign manager or local campaign manager
- 8 provides in connection with a state employee charitable campaign.
- 9 (b) The state [A] campaign manager may charge a reasonable
- 10 and necessary fee for actual campaign expenses in an amount
- 11 authorized by the state policy committee to the participating
- 12 charitable organizations in the same proportion that the
- 13 contributions to that charitable organization bear to the total of
- 14 contributions in the state employee charitable campaign.
- 15 (b-1) If the state policy committee appoints a local
- 16 campaign manager to administer the state employee charitable
- 17 campaign in a local campaign area, the state policy committee may
- 18 authorize the local campaign manager to charge a reasonable and
- 19 necessary fee in an amount authorized by the state policy committee
- 20 in the same manner provided for the state campaign manager under
- 21 Subsection (b).
- (c) Fees [A-fee] under Subsections [Subsection] (b) and
- 23 (b-1) must be based on the combined expenses of the state campaign
- 24 manager and any [each] local campaign managers appointed by the
- 25 state policy committee [manager] and may not exceed 10 percent of
- 26 the total amount collected in the state employee charitable
- 27 campaign [unless the state policy committee approves a higher

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- 1 amount to-accommodate reasonable documented costs].
- 2 SECTION 13. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 659.151,
- 3 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (a) The state policy committee may request the comptroller
- 5 or state auditor to audit a participating charitable organization,
- 6 the state [a] campaign manager, or a local employee committee or
- 7 local campaign manager appointed by the state policy committee that
- 8 the state policy committee reasonably believes has misapplied
- 9 contributions under this subchapter.
- 10 (b) If an audit under this section reveals gross negligence
- 11 or intentional misconduct on the part of the state [a] campaign
- 12 manager or a local employee committee or local campaign manager
- 13 appointed by the state policy committee, the state policy committee
- 14 shall remove the campaign manager or local employee committee. A
- 15 person removed under this subsection is not eligible to serve in the
- 16 capacity from which the person was removed before the fifth
- 17 anniversary of the date the person was removed.
- 18 (c) If an audit under this section reveals intentional
- 19 misconduct on the part of the state [a] campaign manager, [or] a
- 20 local employee committee or local campaign manager appointed by the
- 21 state policy committee, or a participating charitable organization
- 22 that has distributed money received from the state employee
- 23 <u>charitable campaign</u>, the state policy committee shall forward its
- 24 findings to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 25 SECTION 14. Section 659.153, Government Code, is amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- Sec. 659.153. LEGAL REPRESENTATION. The attorney general

- 1 shall represent the state policy committee and any [each] local
- 2 employee committee appointed by the state policy committee in all
- 3 legal matters.
- 4 SECTION 15. Subdivisions (1), (12), and (14), Section
- 5 659.131, and Sections 659.143 and 659.144, Government Code, are
- 6 repealed.
- 7 SECTION 16. (a) Section 18.01, Chapter 3 (House Bill No.
- 8 7), Acts of the 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2003, is
- 9 repealed.
- 10 (b) Each federation or charitable organization is subject
- 11 to Subdivision (3), Subsection (a), Section 659.146, Government
- 12 Code.
- (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section and Subsection
- 14 (g), Section 659.146, Government Code, as added by this Act, apply
- 15 only to the eligibility of a charitable organization to participate
- 16 in, and the use of contributions from, a state employee charitable
- 17 campaign conducted on or after January 1, 2014.
- 18 (d) This section and Subsection (g), Section 659.146,
- 19 Government Code, as added by this Act, take effect January 1, 2014.
- 20 SECTION 17. (a) The term of each member of the state
- 21 employee charitable campaign policy committee expires September 1,
- 22 2013.
- 23 (b) Not later than September 2, 2013:
- 24 (1) the governor shall appoint one member who is a
- 25 state employee and one member who is a retired state employee
- 26 receiving benefits under Chapter 814, Government Code, the
- 27 lieutenant governor shall appoint one member, and the comptroller

- 1 of public accounts shall appoint one member to the state employee
- 2 charitable campaign policy committee for terms expiring September
- 3 1, 2014; and
- 4 (2) the governor shall appoint one member who is a
- 5 state employee, the lieutenant governor shall appoint two members,
- 6 and the comptroller of public accounts shall appoint two members to
- 7 the state employee charitable campaign policy committee for terms
- 8 expiring September 1, 2015.
- 9 SECTION 18. Not later than December 31, 2013, the
- 10 comptroller of public accounts shall adopt rules necessary to
- 11 implement the changes in law made by this Act.
- 12 SECTION 19. Any changes made by the state employee
- 13 charitable campaign policy committee to the operation of the state
- 14 employee charitable campaign under Subsection (e), Section
- 15 659.140, Government Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a
- 16 state employee charitable campaign conducted on or after January 1,
- 17 2014.
- 18 SECTION 20. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
- 19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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<u>President of the Senate</u>

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 217 passed the Senate on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 20, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 217 passed the House, with amendments, on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 114, Nays 24, two present not voting; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 31, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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