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H.B. No. 221

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose political committee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 252.0011, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "election cycle" means the period beginning on January 1 of an odd-numbered year and ending on December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

(a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), a person is ineligible for appointment as a campaign treasurer if the person is the campaign treasurer of a political committee that does not file a report required by Chapter 254.

(a-2) A person is ineligible for appointment as a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose committee if the commission imposed a civil penalty on the person during:

(1) the election cycle preceding the election cycle in which the person seeks to become a campaign treasurer; or

(2) any previous election cycle if any amount of that civil penalty remained unpaid during the election cycle preceding the election cycle in which the person seeks to become a campaign treasurer.

(b) The period for which a person is ineligible under

1 Subsection (a-1) [~~(a)~~] for appointment as a campaign treasurer ends
2 on the date on which the political committee in connection with
3 which the person's ineligibility arose has filed each report
4 required by Chapter 254 that was not timely filed or, subject to
5 Subsection (a-2), has paid all fines and penalties in connection
6 with the failure to file the report.

7 (c) Subsection (a-1) [~~(a)~~] does not apply to a person if, in
8 any semiannual reporting period prescribed by Chapter 254:

9 (1) the political committee in connection with which
10 the person's ineligibility arose did not accept political
11 contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000 or make political
12 expenditures that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000; and

13 (2) the candidate who or political committee that
14 subsequently appoints the person does not accept political
15 contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000 or make political
16 expenditures that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.