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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: M. Dalton

Amend C.S.S.B. No. 29 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, strike lines 11-13 and substitute the following:

(1) a municipality; and

(2) a county.

(2) On page 1, strike lines 14-17, and substitute the following: "(b) The governing body of a political subdivision may not make an expenditure for a person to communicate directly, on behalf of the political subdivision, with a member of the legislative branch to influence legislation on the following matters:"

(3) On page 1, lines 18 and 19, strike ", including the implementation, rates, and administration of taxes" and substitute ", but not including matters related to the method of finance for hospital payments".

(4) On page 1, line 22, strike "and transparency of public servants" and substitute "of elected and appointed officials".

(5) On page 2, line 4, strike "elected".

(6) On page 2, strike lines 5-7 and substitute the following: "communicating directly with a member of the legislative branch to influence legislation while acting as an officer of the political subdivision;"

(7) On page 2, strike lines 9-12 and substitute the following: "communicating directly with a member of the legislative branch to influence legislation if the individual is not required to register"

with the Texas Ethics Commission under Chapter 305;

(4) travel and other incidental costs or expenses incurred in carrying out an activity described by this subsection;

or

(5) payment of membership fees or dues to a chamber of commerce."

(8) On page 2, line 16, strike "or" and substitute "of similarly situated political subdivisions or a nonprofit state".

(9) On page 2, lines 22, strike "local [county]" and substitute "county or municipal".

(10) On page 2, lines 22-23, strike "all local [county]" and substitute "[all] county or municipal".

(11) On page 3, strike lines 1-5 and substitute the following: "on behalf of the association or organization does not communicate directly with a member of the legislative branch to influence legislation related to the matters described by Subsections (b)(1)-(4) [~~directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except that this subdivision does not prevent a~~ person".

(12) On page 3, line 16, between "organization" and "supported", insert "described by Subsection (d) that is".

(13) On page 4, between lines 1 and 2, insert "(g) In this section, the terms "communicate directly with", "expenditure", "legislation", "matter", "member of the legislative branch", and "person" have the meanings assigned in Chapter 305.

(14) On page 4, strike lines 9-16 and substitute the

following: "(b) A political subdivision or authority must disclose on any comprehensive annual financial report required to be prepared by the political subdivision or authority the total amount spent during the fiscal year to compensate persons to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action if those persons are required to register under Chapter 305, Government Code."