(1) is entitled to compensation under Section 32.091 in the same manner as other election clerks; and

(2) when communicating with a voter who cannot communicate in English, may communicate with the voter in a language the voter and the clerk understand as authorized by Subchapter B, Chapter 61.

(d) Not more than two student election clerks may serve at a polling place, except that not more than four student election clerks may serve at any countywide polling place.

(e) The secretary of state may initiate or assist in the development of a statewide program promoting the use of student election clerks appointed under this section.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:

(1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:

(A) observing religious holy days; or
(B) attending a required court appearance; or
(C) serving as an election clerk; or

(2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.

SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.092 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.092. STUDENT ELECTION CLERKS. A student who is appointed as a student election clerk under Section 32.0511, Election Code, may apply the time served as a student election clerk toward:

(1) a requirement for a school project at the discretion of the teacher who assigned the project; or

(2) a service requirement for participation in an advanced academic course program at the discretion of the program sponsor or a school-sponsored extracurricular activity at the discretion of the school sponsor.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 518

S.B. No. 1142

AN ACT

relating to the authority with whom campaign finance reports must be filed in connection with a judicial district office filled by the voters of only one county.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.066. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports [(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports] under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.

[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by a candidate for a judicial district office filled by voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]
Sec. 254.097. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports [(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports] under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom a campaign treasurer appointment by a candidate for the office held by the officeholder is required to be filed.

[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by the holder of a judicial district office filed by voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]

Sec. 254.130. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED. Reports [(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports] filed under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.

[(b) A report required to be filed under this subchapter by a specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing a candidate for or assisting a holder of a judicial district office filed by voters of only one county shall also be filed with the county clerk.]

SECTION 2. Sections 254.066, 254.097, and 254.130, Election Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to the filing of a report of political contributions and expenditures that is due on or after the effective date of this Act. The filing of a report of political contributions and expenditures that is due before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the report is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 519

S.B. No. 1207

AN ACT relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to finance a convention center hotel in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 351.102, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) An eligible central municipality or a municipality with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two counties may pledge the revenue derived from the tax imposed under this chapter from a hotel project that is owned by or located on land owned by the municipality or, in an eligible central municipality, by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of an eligible central municipality, and that is located within 1,000 feet of a convention center facility owned by the municipality for the payment of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to acquire, lease, construct, and equip the hotel and any facilities ancillary to the hotel, including shops and parking facilities. For bonds or other obligations issued under this subsection, an eligible central municipality or a municipality with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two counties may only pledge revenue or other assets of the hotel project benefiting from those bonds or other obligations.

(b-1) A municipality with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two counties and is not an eligible central municipality may not pledge revenue under Subsection (b) in relation to a particular hotel project after the earlier of:

(1) the 20th anniversary of the date the municipality first pledged the revenue to the hotel project; or