

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, state law does not prohibit a candidate for state office who is a federal officeholder from using funds in a federal officeholder account for political contributions or campaign expenditures related to the state office campaign. As proposed, S.B. 423 prohibits a person from knowingly using or authorizing the use of funds accepted on behalf of the person for a campaign for federal office to make certain political expenditures related to an office of the state government.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 253B, Election Code, by adding Section 253.0321, as follows:

Sec. 253.0321. USE OF FUNDS RAISED FOR FEDERAL OFFICE PROHIBITED.
Prohibits a person from knowingly using or authorizing the use of funds accepted by or on behalf of the person for a campaign for federal office to make a political contribution or political expenditure in connection with a campaign by the person for an office of the state government. Provides that a person who violates this section commits an offense that is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.