



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY  
GOVERNOR

May 25, 2013

Mrs. Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate  
Texas Senate  
State Capitol Room 2E.22  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Madame Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as governor and chief executive officer of the state of Texas, Governor Rick Perry has reviewed the following legislation in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution and has disapproved and thereby vetoed the following:

Senate Bill No. 346 by Seliger relating to reporting requirements of certain persons who do not meet the definition of political committee.

The Governor hereby issues the attached message to the members of the Legislature concerning this piece of legislation. The original enrolled Senate Bill No. 346 is attached to this letter of transmittal and is returned to your custody by this transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Davidson".

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachments

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S.B. No. 346

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 346 passed the Senate on April 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 6.

Daisy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 346 passed the House on May 14, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 95, Nays 52, one present not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

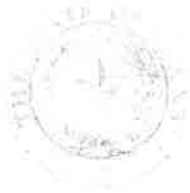
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MESSAGE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE EIGHTY-THIRD TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 346 of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

Freedom of association and freedom of speech are two of our most important rights enshrined in the Constitution. My fear is that Senate Bill 346 would have a chilling effect on both of those rights in our democratic political process. While regulation is necessary in the administration of Texas political finance laws, no regulation is tolerable that puts anyone's participation at risk or that can be used by any government, organization or individual to intimidate those who choose to participate in our process through financial means.

At a time when our federal government is assaulting the rights of Americans by using the tools of government to squelch dissent it is unconscionable to expose more Texans to the risk of such harassment, regardless of political, organizational or party affiliation.

I therefore veto Senate Bill 346.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the official enrolled copy of the bill.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have signed my name officially  
and caused the Seal of the State  
to be affixed hereto at Austin,  
this 25th day of May, 2013.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

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Attested by:

*John Steen*

JOHN STEEN  
Secretary of State