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Overview

In 2005 the Legislature prohibited government web sites from linking to Weblogs or Web sites maintained by candidates or their committees, political committees, or political parties. This bill creates an exception for the Secretary of State and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Section

- 1 Prohibitions.** Amends the current prohibition on links to political Weblogs and Web sites. Allows the Secretary of State's office's election-related Web site and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to link to specified political Weblogs and Web sites.
- 2 Permitted material.** Specifies that the Secretary's Web site may link to (1) candidate committees if the candidate so requests and provides a Web address and e-mail address to the Secretary; and (2) Web sites of individuals or groups that are for or against or want to provide neutral information about a ballot question, if the individual or group requests a link and provides a Web address and e-mail address to the Secretary.
- 3 Effective date.** Immediate.