## **HOUSE BILL No. 4997**

May 26, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Geiss, Gonzales, Constan, Miller, Kandrevas, Tlaib, Kennedy, Haugh, Liss, Ebli, Valentine, Switalski, Durhal, Gregory and LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"

by amending sections 15, 16, 22, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 41, 42,

47, 52, 55, and 57 (MCL 169.215, 169.216, 169.222, 169.226,

169.228, 169.229, 169.233, 169.234, 169.235, 169.241, 169.242,

169.247, 169.252, 169.255, and 169.257), sections 15, 26, 29, 42,

47, 52, and 57 as amended by 2001 PA 250, section 16 as amended by 2000 PA 50, sections 22, 28, and 41 as amended by 1999 PA 237, sections 33 and 34 as amended by 1999 PA 238, section 35 as amended by 2000 PA 75, and section 55 as amended by 1995 PA 264, and by adding sections 43a and 48.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 15. (1) The secretary of state shall do all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Make available through his or her offices, and furnish
- 4 to county clerks, appropriate forms, instructions, and manuals
- 5 required by this act.
- 6 (b) Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system for
- 7 the filing of required reports and statements consistent with the
- 8 purposes of this act, and supervise the implementation of the
- 9 filing systems by the clerks of the counties.
- 10 (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act
- 11 to be filed with the secretary of state.
- 12 (d) Prepare forms, instructions, and manuals required under
- 13 this act.
- 14 (e) Promulgate rules and issue declaratory rulings to
- 15 implement this act in accordance with the administrative
- 16 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 17 (f) Upon receipt of a written request and the required
- 18 filing, waive payment of a late filing fee if the request for the
- 19 waiver is based on good cause and accompanied by adequate
- 20 documentation. One or more of the following reasons constitute
- 21 good cause for a late filing fee waiver:
- 22 (i) The incapacitating physical illness, hospitalization,
- 23 accident involvement, death, or incapacitation for medical
- 24 reasons of a person required to file, a person whose
- 25 participation is essential to the preparation of the statement or
- 26 report, or a member of the immediate family of these persons.
- 27 (ii) Other unique, unintentional factors beyond the filer's

- 1 control not stemming from a negligent act or nonaction so that a
- 2 reasonably prudent person would excuse the filing on a temporary
- 3 basis. These factors include the loss or unavailability of
- 4 records due to a fire, flood, theft, or similar reason and
- 5 difficulties related to the transmission of the filing to the
- 6 filing official, such as exceptionally bad weather or strikes
- 7 involving transportation systems.
- 8 (2) A declaratory ruling shall be issued under this section
- 9 only if the person requesting the ruling has provided a
- 10 reasonably complete statement of facts necessary for the ruling
- 11 or if the person requesting the ruling has, with the permission
- 12 of the secretary of state, supplied supplemental facts necessary
- 13 for the ruling. A request for a declaratory ruling that is
- 14 submitted to the secretary of state shall be made available for
- 15 public inspection within 48 hours after its receipt. An
- 16 interested person may submit written comments regarding the
- 17 request to the secretary of state within 10 business days after
- 18 the date the request is made available to the public. Within 45
- 19 business days after receiving a declaratory ruling request, the
- 20 secretary of state shall make a proposed response available to
- 21 the public. An interested person may submit written comments
- 22 regarding the proposed response to the secretary of state within
- 23 5 business days after the date the proposal is made available to
- 24 the public. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
- 25 secretary of state shall issue a declaratory ruling within 60
- 26 business days after a request for a declaratory ruling is
- 27 received. If the secretary of state refuses to issue a

- 1 declaratory ruling, the secretary of state shall notify the
- 2 person making the request of the reasons for the refusal and
- 3 shall issue an interpretative statement providing an
- 4 informational response to the question presented within the same
- 5 time limitation applicable to a declaratory ruling. A declaratory
- 6 ruling or interpretative statement issued under this section
- 7 shall not state a general rule of law, other than that which is
- 8 stated in this act, until the general rule of law is promulgated
- 9 by the secretary of state as a rule under the administrative
- 10 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, or
- 11 under judicial order.
- 12 (3) Under extenuating circumstances, the secretary of state
- 13 may issue a notice extending for not more than 30 business days
- 14 the period during which the secretary of state shall respond to a
- 15 request for a declaratory ruling. The secretary of state shall
- 16 not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular
- 17 request. A person requesting a declaratory ruling may waive, in
- 18 writing, the time limitations provided by this section.
- 19 (4) The secretary of state shall make available to the
- 20 public an annual summary of the declaratory rulings and
- 21 interpretative statements issued by the secretary of state.
- 22 (5) A person may file with the secretary of state a
- 23 complaint that alleges a violation of this act. Within 5 business
- 24 days after a complaint that meets the requirements of subsection
- 25 (6) is filed, the secretary of state shall give notice to the
- 26 person against whom the complaint is filed. The notice shall
- 27 include a copy of the complaint. Within 15 business days after

- 1 this notice is provided, the person against whom the complaint
- 2 was filed may submit to the secretary of state a response. The
- 3 secretary of state may extend the period for submitting a
- 4 response an additional 15 business days for good cause. The
- 5 secretary of state shall provide a copy of a response received to
- 6 the complainant. Within 10 business days after receiving a copy
- 7 of the response, the complainant may submit to the secretary of
- 8 state a rebuttal statement. The secretary of state may extend the
- 9 period for submitting a rebuttal statement an additional 10
- 10 business days for good cause. The secretary of state shall
- 11 provide a copy of the rebuttal statement to the person against
- 12 whom the complaint was filed.
- 13 (6) A complaint under subsection (5) shall satisfy all of
- 14 the following requirements:
- 15 (a) Be signed by the complainant.
- 16 (b) State the name, address, and telephone number of the
- 17 complainant.
- 18 (c) Include the complainant's certification that, to the
- 19 best of the complainant's knowledge, information, and belief,
- 20 formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each
- 21 factual contention of the complaint is supported by evidence.
- 22 However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances,
- 23 the complainant is unable to certify that certain factual
- 24 contentions are supported by evidence, the complainant may
- 25 certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information,
- 26 or belief, there are grounds to conclude that those specifically
- 27 identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by

- 1 evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry.
- 2 (7) The secretary of state shall develop a form that
- 3 satisfies the requirements of subsection (6) and may be used for
- 4 the filing of complaints.
- 5 (8) A person who files a complaint with a false certificate
- 6 under subsection (6)(c) is responsible for a civil violation of
- 7 this act. A person may file a complaint under subsection (5)
- 8 alleging that another person has filed a complaint with a false
- 9 certificate under subsection (6)(c).
- 10 (9) The secretary of state shall investigate the allegations
- 11 under the rules promulgated under this act. Every 60 days after a
- 12 complaint that meets the requirements of subsection (6) is filed
- 13 and until the matter is terminated, the secretary of state shall
- 14 mail to the complainant and to the alleged violator notice of the
- 15 action taken to date by the secretary of state, together with the
- 16 reasons for the action or nonaction.
- 17 (10) If the secretary of state determines that there may be
- 18 reason to believe that a violation of this act has occurred, the
- 19 secretary of state shall endeavor to correct the violation or
- 20 prevent a further violation by using informal methods such as a
- 21 conference, conciliation, or persuasion, and may enter into a
- 22 conciliation agreement with the person involved. Unless violated,
- 23 a conciliation agreement is a complete bar to any further action
- 24 with respect to matters covered in the conciliation agreement. If
- 25 the secretary of state is unable to correct or prevent further
- 26 violation by these informal methods, the secretary of state may
- 27 refer the matter to the attorney general for the enforcement of a

- 1 criminal penalty provided by this act or commence a hearing as
- 2 provided in subsection (11). IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES THE
- 3 ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A CAMPAIGN OR COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE
- 4 ATTORNEY GENERAL IS CONNECTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE
- 5 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE PROSECUTING
- 6 ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF A
- 7 CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.
- 8 (11) The secretary of state may commence a hearing to
- 9 determine whether a civil violation of this act has occurred. A
- 10 hearing shall not be commenced during the period beginning 30
- 11 days before an election in which the committee has received or
- 12 expended money and ending the day after that election except with
- 13 the consent of the person suspected of committing a civil
- 14 violation. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the
- 15 procedures set forth in chapter 4 of the administrative
- 16 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.271 to 24.287. If
- 17 after a hearing the secretary of state determines that a
- 18 violation of this act has occurred, the secretary of state may
- 19 issue an order requiring the person to pay a civil fine equal to
- 20 the amount of the improper contribution or expenditure plus not
- 21 more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.
- 22 (12) A final decision and order issued by the secretary of
- 23 state is subject to judicial review as provided by chapter 6 of
- 24 the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
- 25 24.301 to 24.306. The secretary of state shall deposit a civil
- 26 fine imposed under this section in the general fund. The
- 27 secretary of state may bring an action in circuit court to

- 1 recover the amount of a civil fine.
- 2 (13) When a report or statement is filed under this act, the
- 3 secretary of state shall review the report or statement and may
- 4 investigate an apparent violation of this act under the rules
- 5 promulgated under this act. If the secretary of state determines
- 6 that there may be reason to believe a violation of this act has
- 7 occurred and the procedures prescribed in subsection (10) have
- 8 been complied with, the secretary of state may refer the matter
- 9 to the attorney general for the enforcement of a criminal penalty
- 10 provided by this act, or commence a hearing under subsection (11)
- 11 to determine whether a civil violation of this act has occurred.
- 12 IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A CAMPAIGN OR
- 13 COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS CONNECTED, DIRECTLY
- 14 OR INDIRECTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL REFER THE MATTER
- 15 TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM FOR THE
- 16 ENFORCEMENT OF A CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.
- 17 (14) Unless otherwise specified in this act, a person who
- 18 violates a provision of this act is subject to a civil fine of
- 19 not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation. A civil fine is in
- 20 addition to, but not limited by, a criminal penalty prescribed by
- 21 this act.
- 22 (15) In addition to any other sanction provided for by this
- 23 act, the secretary of state may require a person who files a
- 24 complaint with a false certificate under subsection (6)(c) to do
- 25 either or both of the following:
- 26 (a) Pay to the secretary of state some or all of the
- 27 expenses incurred by the secretary of state as a direct result of

- 1 the filing of the complaint.
- 2 (b) Pay to the person against whom the complaint was filed
- 3 some or all of the expenses, including, but not limited to,
- 4 reasonable attorney fees incurred by that person in proceedings
- 5 under this act as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.
- 6 (16) There is no private right of action, either in law or
- 7 in equity, under this act. The remedies provided in this act are
- 8 the exclusive means by which this act may be enforced and by
- 9 which any harm resulting from a violation of this act may be
- 10 redressed.
- 11 (17) The secretary of state may waive the filing of a
- 12 campaign statement required under section 33, 34, or 35 if the
- 13 closing date of the particular campaign statement falls on the
- 14 same or a later date as the closing date of the next campaign
- 15 statement filed by the same person, or if the period that would
- 16 be otherwise covered by the next campaign statement filed by the
- 17 same person is 10 days or less.
- 18 (18) The clerk of each county shall do all of the following:
- 19 (a) Make available through the county clerk's office the
- 20 appropriate forms, instructions, and manuals required by this
- 21 act.
- (b) Under the supervision of the secretary of state,
- 23 implement the filing, coding, and cross-indexing system
- 24 prescribed for the filing of reports and statements required to
- 25 be filed with the county clerk's office.
- (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act
- 27 to be filed with the county clerk's office.

- 1 (d) Upon written request, waive the payment of a late filing
- 2 fee if the request for a waiver is based on good cause as
- 3 prescribed in subsection (1)(f).
- 4 Sec. 16. (1) A filing official shall make a statement or
- 5 report required to be filed under this act available for public
- 6 inspection and reproduction, commencing as soon as practicable,
- 7 but not later than the third business day following the day on
- 8 which it is received, during regular business hours of the filing
- 9 official. If the report is a report of a late contribution under
- 10 section 32(1) made to the secretary of state, the secretary of
- 11 state shall also make the report or all of the contents of the
- 12 report available to the public on the internet, without charge,
- 13 as soon as practicable but not later than the end of the business
- 14 day on which it is received, at a single website established and
- 15 maintained by the secretary of state.
- 16 (2) A copy of a statement or part of a statement shall be
- 17 provided by a filing official at a reasonable charge.
- 18 (3) A statement open to the public under this act shall not
- 19 be used for any commercial purpose.
- 20 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
- 21 statement of organization filed under this act with a filing
- 22 official who is not the secretary of state shall be preserved by
- 23 that filing official for 5 years from the official date of the
- 24 committee's dissolution. A statement of organization filed under
- 25 this act with a filing official who is not the secretary of state
- 26 that is filed by a committee that received more than \$50,000.00
- 27 in an election cycle shall be preserved by that filing official

- 1 for 15 years from the official date of the committee's
- 2 dissolution. A statement of organization filed under this act
- 3 with the secretary of state shall be preserved by the secretary
- 4 of state for 15 years from the official date of the committee's
- 5 dissolution. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any
- 6 other statement or report filed under this act with a filing
- 7 official who is not the secretary of state shall be preserved by
- 8 that filing official for 5 years from the date the filing
- 9 occurred. Any other statement or report filed under this act with
- 10 a filing official who is not the secretary of state that is filed
- 11 by a committee that received more than \$50,000.00 in an election
- 12 cycle shall be preserved by that filing official for 15 years
- 13 from the date the filing occurred. Any other statement or report
- 14 filed under this act with the secretary of state shall be
- 15 preserved by the secretary of state for 15 years from the date
- 16 the filing occurred. Upon a determination under section 15 that a
- 17 violation of this act has occurred, all complaints, orders,
- 18 decisions, or other documents related to that violation shall be
- 19 preserved by the filing official who is not the secretary of
- 20 state or the secretary of state for 15 years from the date of the
- 21 court determination or the date the violations are corrected,
- 22 whichever is later. Statements and reports filed under this act
- 23 may be reproduced pursuant to the records media REPRODUCTION act,
- 24 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.403 24.406. After the required
- 25 preservation period, the statements and reports, or the
- 26 reproductions of the statements and reports, may be disposed of
- 27 in the manner prescribed in the management and budget act, 1984

- 1 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, and 1913 PA 271, MCL 399.1 to
- **2** 399.10.
- 3 (5) A charge shall not be collected by a filing official for
- 4 the filing of a required statement or report or for a form upon
- 5 which the statement or report is to be prepared, except a late
- 6 filing fee required by this act.
- 7 (6) A filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 8 report filed under this act complies, on its face, with the
- 9 requirements of this act and the rules promulgated under this
- 10 act. The filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 11 report that is required to be filed under this act is in fact
- 12 filed. Within 4 business days after the deadline for filing a
- 13 statement or report under this act, the filing official shall
- 14 give notice to the filer by registered mail of an error or
- 15 omission in the statement or report and give notice to a person
- 16 the filing official has reason to believe is a person required to
- 17 and who failed to file a statement or report. A failure to give
- 18 notice by the filing official under this subsection is not a
- 19 defense to a criminal action against the person required to file.
- 20 (7) Within 9 business days after the report or statement is
- 21 required to be filed, the filer shall make any corrections in the
- 22 statement or report filed with the appropriate filing official.
- 23 If the report or statement was not filed, then the report or
- 24 statement shall be late filed within 9 business days after the
- 25 time it was required to be filed and shall be IS subject to late
- 26 filing fees.
- 27 (8) After 9 business days and before 12 business days have

- 1 expired after the deadline for filing the statement or report,
- 2 the filing official shall report errors or omissions that were
- 3 not corrected and failures to file to the attorney general OR, IF
- 4 THE ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR FAILURE TO FILE INVOLVES THE ATTORNEY
- 5 GENERAL OR A CAMPAIGN OR COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE ATTORNEY
- 6 GENERAL IS CONNECTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF
- 7 ELECTIONS SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
- 8 THE COUNTY OF INGHAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF A CRIMINAL PENALTY
- 9 PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.
- 10 (9) A statement or report required to be filed under this
- 11 act shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day in which it
- 12 is required to be filed. A preelection statement or report due on
- 13 July 25 or October 25 under section 33 that is postmarked by
- 14 registered or certified mail, or sent by express mail or other
- 15 overnight delivery service, at least 2 days before the deadline
- 16 for filing is filed within the prescribed time regardless of when
- 17 it is actually delivered. Any other statement or report required
- 18 to be filed under this act that is postmarked by registered or
- 19 certified mail or sent by express mail or other overnight
- 20 delivery service on or before the deadline for filing is filed
- 21 within the prescribed time regardless of when it is actually
- 22 delivered.
- 23 Sec. 22. A committee treasurer or other individual
- 24 designated on the statement of organization as responsible for
- 25 the committee's record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 26 filing shall keep detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts
- 27 as required to substantiate the information contained in a

- 1 statement or report filed pursuant to UNDER this act or rules
- 2 promulgated under this act. The treasurer shall record the name
- 3 and address of a person from whom a contribution is received
- 4 EXCEPT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$20.00 OR LESS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO
- 5 SECTION 41(3). The records of a committee shall be preserved for
- 6 5 years and shall be made available for inspection as authorized
- 7 by the secretary of state. A treasurer or other individual
- 8 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 9 report preparation, or report filing who knowingly violates this
- 10 section is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 11 Sec. 26. (1) A campaign statement of a committee, other than
- 12 a political party committee, required by this act shall contain
- 13 all of the following information:
- 14 (a) The filing committee's name, address, and telephone
- 15 number, and the full name, residential and business addresses,
- 16 and telephone numbers of the committee treasurer or other
- 17 individual designated as responsible for the committee's record
- 18 keeping, report preparation, or report filing.
- 19 (b) Under the heading "receipts", the total amount of
- 20 contributions received during the period covered by the campaign
- 21 statement; under the heading "expenditures", the total amount of
- 22 expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign
- 23 statement; and the cumulative amount of those totals. Forgiveness
- 24 of a loan shall not be included in the totals. Payment of a loan
- 25 by a third party shall be recorded and reported as an in-kind
- 26 contribution by the third party. In-kind contributions or
- 27 expenditures shall be listed at fair market value and shall be

- 1 reported as both contributions and expenditures. A contribution
- 2 or expenditure that is by other than completed and accepted
- 3 payment, gift, or other transfer, that is clearly not legally
- 4 enforceable, and that is expressly withdrawn or rejected and
- 5 returned before a campaign statement closing date need not be
- 6 included in the campaign statement and if included may, in a
- 7 later or amended statement, be shown as a deduction, but the
- 8 committee shall keep adequate records of each instance.
- 9 (c) The balance of cash on hand at the beginning and the end
- 10 of the period covered by the campaign statement.
- 11 (D) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE
- 12 PERIOD COVERED BY THE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FROM PERSONS WHO
- 13 CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$20.00.
- 14 (E) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE
- 15 PERIOD COVERED BY THE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FROM PERSONS WHO
- 16 CONTRIBUTED \$20.00 OR LESS.
- 17 (F) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$20.00 OR LESS
- 18 RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT AND
- 19 THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE FILER
- 20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41(3).
- 21 (G) (d) The following information regarding each fund-
- 22 raising event shall be included in the report:
- 23 (i) The type of event, date held, address and name, if any,
- 24 of the place where the activity was held, and approximate number
- 25 of individuals participating or in attendance.
- 26 (ii) The total amount of all contributions OF MORE THAN
- 27 \$20.00.

- 1 (iii) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$20.00 OR LESS.
- 2 (iv) (iii) The gross receipts of the fund-raising event.
- 3 (v)  $\frac{(iv)}{(iv)}$  The expenditures incident to the event.
- 4 (H) (e) The full name of each individual from whom
- 5 contributions TOTALING MORE THAN \$20.00 are received during the
- 6 period covered by the campaign statement, together with the
- 7 individual's street address, the amount contributed, the date on
- 8 which each contribution was received, and the cumulative amount
- 9 contributed by that individual. The occupation, employer, and
- 10 principal place of business shall be stated if the individual's
- 11 cumulative contributions are more than \$100.00.
- 12 (I) (f) The cumulative amount contributed and the name and
- 13 address of each individual, except those individuals reported
- 14 under subdivision (e) (H), who contributed A TOTAL OF MORE THAN
- 15 \$20.00 to the committee. The occupation, employer, and principal
- 16 place of business shall be stated for each individual who
- 17 contributed more than \$100.00.
- 18 (J) (g)—The name and street address of each person, other
- 19 than an individual, from whom contributions are received during
- 20 the period covered by the campaign statement, together with an
- 21 itemization of the amounts contributed, the date on which each
- 22 contribution was received, and the cumulative amount contributed
- 23 by that person.
- 24 (K) (h) The name, address, and amount given by an individual
- 25 who contributed MORE THAN \$20.00 to the total amount contributed
- 26 by a person who is other than a committee or an individual. The
- 27 occupation, employer, and principal place of business shall be

- 1 stated if the individual contributed more than \$100.00 of the
- 2 total amount contributed by a person who is other than a
- 3 committee or an individual.
- 4 (l)  $\frac{(i)}{(i)}$  The cumulative total of expenditures of \$50.00 or
- 5 less made during the period covered by the campaign statement
- 6 except for expenditures made to or on behalf of another
- 7 committee, candidate, or ballot question.
- 8 (M) (j) The full name and street address of each person to
- 9 whom expenditures totaling more than \$50.00 were made, together
- 10 with the amount of each separate expenditure to each person
- 11 during the period covered by the campaign statement; the purpose
- 12 of the expenditure; the full name and street address of the
- 13 person providing the consideration for which any expenditure was
- 14 made if different from the payee; the itemization regardless of
- 15 amount of each expenditure made to or on behalf of another
- 16 committee, candidate, or ballot question; and the cumulative
- 17 amount of expenditures for or against that candidate or ballot
- 18 question for an election cycle. An expenditure made in support of
- 19 more than 1 candidate or ballot question, or both, shall be
- 20 apportioned reasonably among the candidates or ballot questions,
- 21 or both.
- 22 (2) A candidate committee or ballot question committee shall
- 23 report all cumulative amounts required by this section on a per
- 24 election cycle basis. Except for subsection  $\frac{(1)(j)}{(1)(M)}$ , an
- 25 independent committee or political committee shall report all
- 26 cumulative amounts required by this section on a calendar year
- 27 basis.

- 1 (3) A campaign statement of a committee, in addition to the
- 2 other information required by this section, shall include an
- 3 itemized list of all expenditures during the reporting period for
- 4 election day busing of electors to the polls, get-out-the-vote
- 5 activities, slate cards, challengers, poll watchers, and poll
- 6 workers.
- 7 (4) For a reporting period in which a contribution is
- 8 received that is to be part of a bundled contribution or a
- 9 reporting period in which a bundled contribution is delivered to
- 10 the candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective
- 11 office, a bundling committee shall report to the secretary of
- 12 state, on a form provided by the secretary of state, all of the
- 13 following information, as applicable, about each contribution
- 14 received or delivered as part of a bundled contribution, and
- 15 about each bundled contribution delivered, in the reporting
- 16 period:
- 17 (a) The amount of each contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00, the
- 18 date it was received by the bundling committee, and the candidate
- 19 for statewide elective office whom the contributor designated as
- 20 the intended recipient.
- 21 (b) Each contributor's THE name and address OF EACH PERSON
- 22 THAT CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN \$20.00 DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY
- 23 THE STATEMENT and, for each contribution exceeding \$100.00, the
- 24 contributor's occupation, employer, and principal place of
- 25 business.
- (c) The date each contribution is delivered to the
- 27 candidate's statewide elective office candidate committee.

- 1 (d) The total amount of bundled contributions delivered to
- 2 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during
- 3 the election cycle.
- 4 (5) With its delivery of a bundled contribution to the
- 5 candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective office,
- 6 a bundling committee shall deliver a report to that candidate
- 7 committee, on a form provided by the secretary of state, that
- 8 includes all of the following information, as applicable, about
- 9 each contribution delivered as part of the bundled contribution,
- 10 and about all bundled contributions delivered to that candidate
- 11 committee in the election cycle:
- 12 (a) The amount of each contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00, the
- 13 date it was received by the bundling committee, and the statewide
- 14 elective office candidate the contributor designated as the
- 15 intended recipient.
- 16 (b) Each contributor's THE name and address OF EACH PERSON
- 17 THAT CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN \$20.00 DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY
- 18 THE STATEMENT and, for each contribution exceeding \$100.00, the
- 19 contributor's occupation, employer, and principal place of
- 20 business.
- 21 (c) The total amount of bundled contributions delivered to
- 22 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during
- 23 the election cycle.
- 24 (6) For a reporting period in which a bundled contribution
- 25 is received, a candidate committee of a candidate for statewide
- 26 elective office shall report to the secretary of state, on a form
- 27 provided by the secretary of state, all of the following

- 1 information, as applicable, about each contribution delivered as
- 2 part of a bundled contribution received in the reporting period
- 3 and about all bundled contributions received by that candidate
- 4 committee:
- 5 (a) The amount of each contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00, the
- 6 date it was received by the candidate committee, and the name of
- 7 the bundling committee that delivered the contribution.
- 8 (b) Each contributor's THE name and address OF EACH PERSON
- 9 THAT CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN \$20.00 DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY
- 10 THE STATEMENT and, for each contribution exceeding \$100.00, the
- 11 contributor's occupation, employer, and principal place of
- 12 business.
- 13 (c) The total amount of bundled contributions received by
- 14 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during
- 15 the election cycle.
- Sec. 28. (1) Interest received by a committee on an account
- 17 consisting of funds MONEY belonging to the committee shall not be
- 18 considered a contribution to the committee but the committee
- 19 shall report its receipt on a campaign statement as interest. A
- 20 committee shall report interest paid by the committee on a
- 21 campaign statement as an expenditure.
- 22 (2) A committee shall report a loan with an outstanding
- 23 balance made or received in a separate schedule attached to the
- 24 campaign statement providing the date and amount of the loan, the
- 25 date and amount of each payment, the amount of cumulative
- 26 payments, the amount of the outstanding balance, and whether the
- 27 loan payments were made by money, services, property, or other

- 1 means. The committee shall provide the name and address of the
- 2 lender and each person who is liable directly, indirectly, or
- 3 contingently on each loan OF MORE THAN \$20.00. The committee
- 4 shall provide the occupation and employer, if any, of the lender
- 5 and each person if the loan is for more than \$100.00. If a loan
- 6 is paid off within a reporting period, this activity need not be
- 7 reported on a separate schedule to the campaign statement.
- 8 However, if a loan is forgiven, the committee shall detail that
- 9 fact on a separate schedule to the campaign statement.
- 10 (3) Accompanying a campaign statement reporting the receipt
- 11 of a contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00 from a person whose
- 12 treasurer does not reside in, whose principal office is not
- 13 located in, or whose funds are MONEY IS not kept in this state 7
- 14 shall be a statement certified as true and correct by an officer
- 15 of the contributing person setting forth the full name, address,
- 16 along with the amount contributed, of each person who contributed
- 17 MORE THAN \$20.00 to the total amount of the contribution. The
- 18 occupation, employer, and principal place of business shall be
- 19 stated for each person who contributed more than \$100.00. This
- 20 subsection does not apply if the contributing person is
- 21 registered as a committee under section 24.
- Sec. 29. (1) A campaign statement filed by a political party
- 23 committee shall contain all of the following information:
- 24 (a) The full name and street address of each person from
- 25 whom contributions TOTALING MORE THAN \$20.00 are received in a
- 26 calendar year, the amount, and the date or dates contributed;
- 27 and, if the person is a committee, the name and address of the

- 1 committee and the full name of the committee treasurer, together
- 2 with the amount of the contribution and the date received. The
- 3 occupation, employer, and principal place of business, if any,
- 4 shall be listed for each person from whom contributions totaling
- 5 more than \$100.00 are received in a calendar year.
- 6 (b) Accompanying a campaign statement reporting the receipt
- 7 of a contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00 from a committee or person
- 8 whose treasurer does not reside in, whose principal office is not
- 9 located in, or whose funds are MONEY IS not kept in this state,
- 10 and whose committee has not filed a statement of organization as
- 11 required in section 24, shall be a statement setting forth the
- 12 full name and address of the treasurer of the committee.
- 13 (c) An itemized list of all expenditures, including in-kind
- 14 contributions and expenditures and loans, made during the period
- 15 covered by the campaign statement that were contributions to a
- 16 candidate committee of a candidate for elective office or a
- 17 ballot question committee; or independent expenditures in support
- 18 of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question or
- 19 in support of the nomination or election of a candidate for
- 20 elective office or the defeat of any of the candidate's
- 21 opponents.
- (d) The total expenditure by the committee for each
- 23 candidate for elective office or ballot question in whose behalf
- 24 an independent expenditure was made or a contribution was given
- 25 for the election cycle.
- 26 (e) The filer's name, address, and telephone number, if
- 27 available, if any, and the full name, address, and telephone

- 1 number, if available, of the committee treasurer.
- 2 (2) The committee shall identify an expenditure listed under
- 3 subsection (1)(c) as an independent expenditure or as a
- 4 contribution to a candidate committee or a ballot question
- 5 committee.
- 6 (3) The committee shall designate for a contribution to or
- 7 on behalf of a candidate committee or ballot question committee
- 8 listed under subsection (1)(c) the name and address of the
- 9 committee, the name of the candidate and the office sought, if
- 10 any, the amount contributed, and the date of contribution.
- 11 (4) The committee shall designate for an independent
- 12 expenditure listed under subsection (1)(c) either the name of the
- 13 candidate for whose benefit the expenditure was made and the
- 14 office sought by the candidate, or a brief description of the
- 15 ballot question for which the expenditure was made; the amount,
- 16 date, and purpose of the expenditure; and the full name and
- 17 address of the person to whom the expenditure was made.
- 18 (5) The committee shall apportion an expenditure listed that
- 19 was made in support of more than 1 candidate or ballot question,
- 20 or both, reasonably among the candidates or ballot questions, or
- 21 both.
- 22 (6) A campaign statement of a committee, in addition to the
- 23 other information required by this section, shall include an
- 24 itemized list of all expenditures during the reporting period for
- 25 election day busing of electors to the polls, get-out-the-vote
- 26 activities, slate cards, challengers, poll watchers, and poll
- 27 workers.

- 1 Sec. 33. (1) A committee, other than an independent
- 2 committee or a political committee required to file with the
- 3 secretary of state, supporting or opposing a candidate shall file
- 4 complete campaign statements as required by this act and the
- 5 rules promulgated under this act. The campaign statements shall
- 6 be filed according to the following schedule:
- 7 (a) A preelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 8 later than the eleventh day before an election. The closing date
- 9 for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall be
- 10 the sixteenth day before the election.
- 11 (b) A postelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 12 later than the thirtieth day following the election. The closing
- 13 date for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall
- 14 be the twentieth day following the election. A committee
- 15 supporting a candidate who loses the primary election shall file
- 16 closing campaign statements in accordance with this section. If
- 17 all liabilities of such a candidate or committee are paid before
- 18 the closing date and additional contributions are not expected,
- 19 the campaign statement may be filed at any time after the
- 20 election, but not later than the thirtieth day following the
- 21 election.
- 22 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1):
- 23 (a) A candidate committee shall file a preelection campaign
- 24 statement and a postelection campaign statement for each election
- 25 in which the candidate seeks nomination or election, except if an
- 26 individual becomes a candidate after the closing date for the
- 27 preelection campaign statement only the postelection campaign

- 1 statement is required for that election.
- 2 (b) A committee other than a candidate committee shall file
- 3 a campaign statement for each period during which expenditures
- 4 are made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or
- 5 election of a candidate or for the qualification, passage, or
- 6 defeat of a ballot question.
- 7 (3) An independent committee or a political committee other
- 8 than a house political party caucus committee or senate political
- 9 party caucus committee required to file with the secretary of
- 10 state shall file campaign statements as required by this act IN
- 11 AN EVEN NUMBERED YEAR according to the following schedule:
- 12 (a) In an odd numbered year:
- 14 date of December 31 of the previous year.
- 16 (iii) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of October
- 17 <del>20.</del>
- 18 (b) In an even numbered year:
- 19 (A) (i) Not later than April 25 of that year with a closing
- 20 date of April 20 of that year.
- 21 (B) (ii)—Not later than July 25 with a closing date of July
- **22** 20.
- 23 (C) (iii) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of
- 24 October 20.
- 25 (4) A house political party caucus committee or a senate
- 26 political party caucus committee required to file with the
- 27 secretary of state shall file campaign statements as required by

- 1 this act according to the following schedule:
- 2 (a) Not later than January 31 of each EVEN NUMBERED year
- 3 with a closing date of December 31 of the immediately preceding
- 4 year.
- 5 (b) Not later than April 25 of each EVEN NUMBERED year with
- 6 a closing date of April 20 of that year.
- 7 (c) Not later than July 25 of each EVEN NUMBERED year with a
- 8 closing date of July 20 of that year.
- 9 (d) Not later than October 25 of each EVEN NUMBERED year
- 10 with a closing date of October 20 of that year.
- 11 (e) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day
- 12 immediately preceding a primary or special primary election and
- 13 ending on the day immediately following the primary or special
- 14 primary election, not later than 4 p.m. each business day with a
- 15 closing date of the immediately preceding day, only for a
- 16 contribution received or expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00
- 17 per day.
- 18 (f) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day
- 19 immediately preceding a general or special election and ending on
- 20 the day immediately following the general or special election,
- 21 not later than 4 p.m. each business day with a closing date of
- 22 the immediately preceding day, only for a contribution received
- 23 or expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00 per day.
- 24 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) or (4) or section 51, if
- 25 an independent expenditure is made within 45 days before a
- 26 special election by an independent committee or a political
- 27 committee required to file a campaign statement with the

- 1 secretary of state, a report of the expenditure shall be filed by
- 2 the committee with the secretary of state within 48 hours after
- 3 the expenditure. The report shall be made on a form provided by
- 4 the secretary of state and shall include the date of the
- 5 independent expenditure, the amount of the expenditure, a brief
- 6 description of the nature of the expenditure, and the name and
- 7 address of the person to whom the expenditure was paid. The brief
- 8 description of the expenditure shall include either the name of
- 9 the candidate and the office sought by the candidate or the name
- 10 of the ballot question and shall state whether the expenditure
- 11 supports or opposes the candidate or ballot question. This
- 12 subsection does not apply if the committee is required to report
- 13 the independent expenditure in a campaign statement that is
- 14 required to be filed before the date of the election for which
- 15 the expenditure was made.
- 16 (6) A candidate committee or a committee other than a
- 17 candidate committee that files a written statement under section
- 18 24(5) or (6) need not—IS NOT REQUIRED TO file a campaign
- 19 statement under subsection (1), (3), or (4) unless it received or
- 20 expended an amount in excess of \$1,000.00. If the committee
- 21 receives or expends an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 during a
- 22 period covered by a filing, the committee is then subject to the
- 23 campaign filing requirements under this act.
- 24 (7) A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 25 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 26 report preparation, or report filing who fails to file a
- 27 statement as required by this section shall pay a late filing

- 1 fee. If the committee has raised \$10,000.00 or less during the
- 2 previous 2 years, the late filing fee shall be \$25.00 for each
- 3 business day the statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed
- 4 \$500.00. If the committee has raised more than \$10,000.00 during
- 5 the previous 2 years, the late filing fee shall not exceed
- 6 \$1,000.00, determined as follows:
- 7 (a) Twenty-five dollars for each business day the report
- 8 remains unfiled.
- 9 (b) An additional \$25.00 for each business day after the
- 10 first 3 business days the report remains unfiled.
- 11 (c) An additional \$50.00 for each business day after the
- 12 first 10 business days the report remains unfiled.
- 13 (8) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 14 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 15 report preparation, or report filing fails to file 2 statements
- 16 required by this section or section 35 and both of the statements
- 17 remain unfiled for more than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer,
- 18 or other designated individual is guilty of a misdemeanor,
- 19 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment
- 20 for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 21 (9) If a candidate is found guilty of a violation of this
- 22 section, the circuit court for that county, on application by the
- 23 attorney general or the prosecuting attorney of that county, may
- 24 prohibit that candidate from assuming the duties of a public
- 25 office or from receiving compensation from public funds, or both.
- 26 (10) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 27 responsible for a committee's record keeping, report preparation,

- 1 or report filing knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate
- 2 statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or
- 3 other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not
- 4 more than \$1,000.00.
- 5 Sec. 35. (1) In addition to any other requirements of this
- 6 act for filing a campaign statement, a committee, other than an
- 7 independent committee or a political committee required to file
- 8 with the secretary of state, shall also file a EACH OF THE
- 9 FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS:
- 10 (A) A campaign statement not later than January 31 of each
- 11 EVEN NUMBERED year. The campaign statement shall have a closing
- 12 date of December 31 of the previous year. The period covered by
- 13 the campaign statement filed pursuant to this subsection begins
- 14 the day after the closing date of the previous campaign
- 15 statement. A campaign statement filed pursuant to this subsection
- 16 shall be waived if a postelection campaign statement has been
- 17 filed that has a filing deadline within 30 days of the closing
- 18 date of the campaign statement required by this subsection.
- 19 (B) IN EACH EVEN NUMBERED YEAR, A CAMPAIGN STATEMENT NOT
- 20 LATER THAN APRIL 30 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF MARCH 31.
- 21 (2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT FOR
- 22 FILING A CAMPAIGN STATEMENT, A COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO FILE CAMPAIGN
- 23 STATEMENTS NOT LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES IN ODD NUMBERED
- 24 YEARS:
- 25 (A) JANUARY 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE
- 26 PREVIOUS YEAR.
- 27 (B) APRIL 30 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF MARCH 31.

- 1 (C) JULY 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 30.
- 2 (D) OCTOBER 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30.
- 3 (3) (2) Subsection (1) OR (2) does not apply to a candidate
- 4 committee for an officeholder who is a judge or a supreme court
- 5 justice, or who holds an elective office for which the salary is
- 6 less than \$100.00 a month and who does not receive any A
- 7 contribution or make any AN expenditure during the time that
- 8 would be otherwise covered in the statement.
- 9 (4) (3)—A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other
- 10 individual designated as responsible for the record keeping,
- 11 report preparation, or report filing for a candidate committee of
- 12 a candidate for state elective office or a judicial office who
- 13 fails to file a campaign statement under this section shall be
- 14 assessed a late filing fee. If the committee has raised
- 15 \$10,000.00 or less during the previous 2 years, the late filing
- 16 fee shall be \$25.00 for each business day the campaign statement
- 17 remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$500.00. If the committee has
- 18 raised more than \$10,000.00 during the previous 2 years, the late
- 19 filing fee shall be \$50.00 for each business day the campaign
- 20 statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$1,000.00. The late
- 21 filing fee assessed under this subsection shall be paid by the
- 22 candidate, and the candidate shall not use committee funds to pay
- 23 that fee. A committee, treasurer, or other individual designated
- 24 as responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or
- 25 report filing for a committee other than a candidate committee of
- 26 a candidate for state elective office or a judicial office who
- 27 fails to file a campaign statement under this section shall pay a

- 1 late filing fee of \$25.00 for each business day the campaign
- 2 statement remains not filed in violation of this section. The
- 3 late filing fee shall not exceed \$500.00.
- 4 (5) (4) A committee filing a written statement pursuant to
- 5 UNDER section 24(5) or (6) need not IS NOT REQUIRED TO file a
- 6 statement in accordance with UNDER subsection (1). If a committee
- 7 receives or expends more than \$1,000.00 during a time period
- 8 prescribed by section 24(5) or (6), the committee is then subject
- 9 to the campaign filing requirements under this act and shall file
- 10 a campaign statement for the period beginning the day after the
- 11 closing date of the last postelection campaign statement or an
- 12 annual campaign statement that is waived pursuant to UNDER
- 13 subsection (1), whichever occurred earlier.
- 14 (6) (5) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 15 designated as responsible for the record keeping, report
- 16 preparation, or report filing fails to file 2 statements required
- 17 by this section or section 33 and both of the statements remain
- 18 unfiled for more than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer, or
- 19 other designated individual is guilty of a misdemeanor,
- 20 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment
- 21 for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 22 (7) <del>(6)</del> If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 23 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 24 filing for a committee required to file a campaign statement
- 25 under subsection (1) knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate
- 26 statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or
- 27 other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not

- 1 more than \$1,000.00.
- 2 Sec. 41. (1) A person shall not make or accept a single
- 3 contribution of more than \$20.00 in cash or make or accept a
- 4 single expenditure of more than \$50.00 in cash. Contributions of
- 5 more than \$20.00 and expenditures of more than \$50.00, other than
- 6 an in-kind contribution or expenditure, shall be made by written
- 7 instrument containing the names of the payor and the payee.
- 8 (2) A person shall not accept or expend an anonymous
- 9 contribution. An anonymous contribution received by a person
- 10 shall not be deposited but shall be given to a tax exempt
- 11 charitable organization. The charitable organization receiving
- 12 the contribution shall provide the person with a receipt. The
- 13 receipt shall be retained by an appropriate committee pursuant to
- **14** section 22.
- 15 (3) A CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED AS THE RESULT OF A FUND-RAISING
- 16 EVENT OR CASUAL SERVICES OR FROM THE SALE OF POLITICAL
- 17 MERCHANDISE THAT IS \$20.00 OR LESS IN THE AGGREGATE FROM A PERSON
- 18 IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR IS NOT CONSIDERED AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION.
- 19 A CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP FEES, DUES, OR
- 20 SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES TO AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE
- 21 OR A POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE THAT IS \$20.00 OR LESS IN THE
- 22 AGGREGATE FROM A PERSON IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR IS NOT CONSIDERED AN
- 23 ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION.
- 24 (4) A PERSON MAKING A CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
- 25 (3) THAT IS MORE THAN \$20.00 IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR WHEN ADDED TO
- 26 ALL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THAT COMMITTEE BY THAT PERSON
- 27 SHALL FURNISH THE RECIPIENT WITH THE DONOR'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND

## 1 THE TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED.

- 2 (5) (3)—A contribution shall not be made, directly or
- 3 indirectly, by any person in a name other than the name by which
- 4 that person is identified for legal purposes.
- 5 (6) (4) A person who knowingly violates this section is
- 6 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an
- 7 individual, by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment
- 8 for not more than 90 days, or both, or, if the person is other
- 9 than an individual, by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.
- Sec. 42. (1) A person who accepts a contribution, other than
- 11 by written instrument, on behalf of another and acts as the
- 12 intermediary or agent of the person from whom the contribution
- 13 was accepted shall disclose to the recipient of the contribution
- 14 the intermediary's own name and address and the name and address
- 15 of the actual source of the contribution.
- 16 (2) A contribution OF MORE THAN \$20.00 from a person whose
- 17 treasurer does not reside in, whose principal office is not
- 18 located in, or whose funds are MONEY IS not kept in this state 7
- 19 shall not be accepted by a person for purposes of supporting or
- 20 opposing candidates for elective office or the qualification,
- 21 passage, or defeat of a ballot question unless accompanied by a
- 22 statement certified as true and correct by an officer of the
- 23 contributing person setting forth the full name and address along
- 24 with the amount contributed, of each person who contributed MORE
- 25 THAN \$20.00 to the total amount of the contribution. The
- 26 occupation, employer, and principal place of business shall be
- 27 listed for each person who contributed more than \$100.00 to the

- 1 total amount of the contribution. The certified statement shall
- 2 also state that the contribution was not made from an account
- 3 containing funds MONEY prohibited by section 54. This subsection
- 4 does not apply if the contributing person is registered as a
- 5 committee under section 24.
- 6 (3) A person shall not receive a contribution from a person
- 7 other than a committee unless, for purposes of the recipient
- 8 person's record keeping and reporting requirements, the
- 9 contribution is accompanied by the name and address of each
- 10 person who contributed MORE THAN \$20.00 to the total amount of
- 11 the contribution and the name, address, occupation, employer, and
- 12 principal place of business of each person who contributed more
- 13 than \$100.00 to the total amount of the contribution.
- 14 (4) A contribution from a person whose treasurer does not
- 15 reside in, whose principal office is not located in, or whose
- 16 money is not kept in this state shall not be accepted by a person
- 17 for purposes of supporting or opposing candidates for elective
- 18 office if the contributing person has received contributions on
- 19 an automatic basis, including, but not limited to, a payroll
- 20 deduction plan, unless the contribution is accompanied by a
- 21 statement, certified as true and correct by an officer of the
- 22 contributing person, setting forth that all contributions
- 23 received on an automatic basis are in full compliance with
- **24** section 55.
- 25 (5) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 26 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
- 27 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than

- 1 90 days, or both, or, if the person is other than an individual,
- 2 by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.
- 3 SEC. 43A. (1) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT PAY THE
- 4 CANDIDATE, AND A CANDIDATE SHALL NOT RECEIVE FROM HIS OR HER
- 5 CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, WAGES, A SALARY, OR OTHER EMPLOYMENT
- 6 COMPENSATION.
- 7 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS
- 8 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE
- 9 THAN 90 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH. A
- 10 COMMITTEE THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT
- 11 MORE THAN \$10,000.00.
- Sec. 47. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
- 13 and subject to subsections (3) and (4), a billboard, placard,
- 14 poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter having reference to an
- 15 election, a candidate, or a ballot question, shall bear upon it
- 16 the name and address of the person paying for the matter. Except
- 17 as otherwise provided in this subsection and subject to
- 18 subsections (3) and (4), if the printed matter relating to a
- 19 candidate is an independent expenditure that is not authorized in
- 20 writing by the candidate committee of that candidate, the printed
- 21 matter shall contain the following disclaimer: "Not authorized by
- 22 any candidate committee". An individual other than a candidate is
- 23 not subject to this subsection if the individual is acting
- 24 independently and not acting as an agent for a candidate or any
- 25 committee.
- 26 (2) A radio or television paid advertisement having
- 27 reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question shall

- 1 identify the sponsoring person as required by the federal
- 2 communications commission, shall bear the name of the person
- 3 paying for the advertisement, and shall be in compliance with
- 4 subsection (3) and with the following:
- 5 (a) If the radio or television paid advertisement relates to
- 6 a candidate and is an independent expenditure, the advertisement
- 7 shall contain the following disclaimer: "Not authorized by any
- 8 candidate".
- 9 (b) If the radio or television paid advertisement relates to
- 10 a candidate and is not an independent expenditure but is paid for
- 11 by a person other than the candidate to which it is related, the
- 12 advertisement shall contain the following disclaimer:
- 13 "Authorized by .....".

  14 (name of candidate or name of candidate committee)

  15 "I AM AND I APPROVE THIS MESSAGE.".
- 16 (NAME OF CANDIDATE)
- 17 (3) The size and placement of an identification or
- 18 disclaimer required by this section shall be determined by rules
- 19 promulgated by the secretary of state. The rules may exempt
- 20 printed matter and certain other items such as campaign buttons
- 21 or balloons, the size of which makes it unreasonable to add an
- 22 identification or disclaimer, from the identification or
- 23 disclaimer required by this section.
- 24 (4) Except for a candidate committee's printed matter or
- 25 radio or television paid advertisements, each identification or
- 26 disclaimer required by this section shall also indicate that the
- 27 printed matter or radio or television paid advertisement is paid

- 1 for "with regulated funds". Printed matter or a radio or
- 2 television paid advertisement that is not subject to this act
- 3 shall not bear the statement required by this subsection.
- 4 (5) A person who knowingly violates this section is quilty
- 5 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00,
- 6 or imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or both.
- 7 SEC. 48. (1) A COMMUNICATION RELATING TO A CANDIDATE THAT IS
- 8 DESIGNED TO CONTACT ELECTORS THROUGH TELEPHONIC, ELECTRONIC MAIL,
- 9 OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS AND TO WHICH SECTION 47 DOES NOT APPLY
- 10 SHALL CLEARLY STATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON PAYING FOR THE
- 11 COMMUNICATION.
- 12 (2) IF THE COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) RELATES
- 13 TO A CANDIDATE AND IS AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE NOT AUTHORIZED
- 14 IN WRITING BY THAT CANDIDATE'S CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, THE
- 15 COMMUNICATION SHALL ALSO CLEARLY STATE THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER:
- 16 "NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE COMMITTEE". IF THE COMMUNICATION
- 17 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) RELATES TO A CANDIDATE AND IS NOT AN
- 18 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE, BUT IS PAID FOR BY A PERSON OTHER THAN
- 19 THE CANDIDATE TO WHOM IT IS RELATED, THE COMMUNICATION SHALL ALSO
- 20 CLEARLY STATE THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER:
- 21 "AUTHORIZED BY ".
- 22 (NAME OF CANDIDATE OR NAME OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEE)
- 23 (3) A TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)
- 24 SHALL STATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON PAYING FOR THE COMMUNICATION
- 25 AND ANY DISCLAIMERS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) AT THE
- 26 BEGINNING OF THE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION. A TELEPHONIC

- 1 COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE
- 2 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 P.M. AND 9 A.M.
- 3 (4) FOR A VISUAL COMMUNICATION GOVERNED BY THIS SECTION, THE
- 4 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES REGULATING THE SIZE AND
- 5 PLACEMENT OF AN IDENTIFICATION OR DISCLAIMER REQUIRED BY THIS
- 6 SECTION.
- 7 (5) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
- 8 OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90
- 9 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00, OR BOTH.
- 10 Sec. 52. (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) or (11)
- 11 and subject to subsection (8), a person other than an independent
- 12 committee or a political party committee shall not make
- 13 contributions to a candidate committee of a candidate for
- 14 elective office that, with respect to an election cycle, are more
- 15 than the following:
- 16 (a) \$3,400.00 for a candidate for state elective office
- 17 other than the office of state legislator, or for a candidate for
- 18 local elective office if the district from which he or she is
- 19 seeking office has a population of more than 250,000.
- 20 (b) \$1,000.00 for a candidate for state senator, or for a
- 21 candidate for local elective office if the district from which he
- 22 or she is seeking office has a population of more than 85,000 but
- 23 250,000 or less.
- (c) \$500.00 for a candidate for state representative, or for
- 25 a candidate for local elective office if the district from which
- 26 he or she is seeking office has a population of 85,000 or less.
- 27 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and

- 1 subsection (12), an independent committee shall not make
- 2 contributions to a candidate committee of a candidate for
- 3 elective office that, in the aggregate for that election cycle,
- 4 are more than 10 times the amount permitted a person other than
- 5 an independent committee or political party committee in
- 6 subsection (1). A house political party caucus committee or a
- 7 senate political party caucus committee is not limited under this
- 8 subsection in the amount of contributions made to the candidate
- 9 committee of a candidate for the office of state legislator,
- 10 except as follows:
- 11 (a) A house political party caucus committee or a senate
- 12 political party caucus committee shall not pay a debt incurred by
- 13 a candidate if that debt was incurred while the candidate was
- 14 seeking nomination at a primary election and the candidate was
- 15 opposed at that primary.
- 16 (b) A house political party caucus committee or a senate
- 17 political party caucus committee shall not make a contribution to
- 18 or make an expenditure on behalf of a candidate if that candidate
- 19 is seeking nomination at a primary election and the candidate is
- 20 opposed at that primary.
- 21 (3) A political party committee other than a state central
- 22 committee shall not make contributions to the candidate committee
- 23 of a candidate for elective office that are more than 10 times
- 24 the amount permitted a person other than an independent committee
- 25 or political party committee in subsection (1).
- 26 (4) A state central committee of a political party shall not
- 27 make contributions to the candidate committee of a candidate for

- 1 state elective office other than a candidate for the legislature
- 2 that are more than 20 times the amount permitted a person other
- 3 than an independent committee or political party committee in
- 4 subsection (1). A state central committee of a political party
- 5 shall not make contributions to the candidate committee of a
- 6 candidate for state senator, state representative, or local
- 7 elective office that are more than 10 times the amount permitted
- 8 a person other than an independent committee or political party
- 9 committee in subsection (1).
- 10 (5) A contribution from a member of a candidate's immediate
- 11 family to the candidate committee of that candidate is exempt
- 12 from the limitations of subsection (1).
- 13 (6) Consistent with the provisions of this section, a
- 14 contribution designated in writing for a particular election
- 15 cycle is considered made for that election cycle. A contribution
- 16 made after the close of a particular election cycle and
- 17 designated in writing for that election cycle shall be made only
- 18 to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the candidate
- 19 committee's net outstanding debts and obligations from the
- 20 election cycle so designated. If a contribution is not designated
- 21 in writing for a particular election cycle, the contribution is
- 22 considered made for the election cycle that corresponds to the
- 23 date of the written instrument.
- 24 (7) A candidate committee, a candidate, or a treasurer or
- 25 agent of a candidate committee shall not accept a contribution
- 26 with respect to an election cycle that exceeds the limitations in
- 27 subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), (11), or (12).

- 1 (8) The contribution limits in subsection (1) for a
- 2 candidate for local elective office are effective on the
- 3 effective date of the amendatory act that provides for those
- 4 contribution limits, however, only contributions received by that
- 5 candidate on and after that date shall be used to determine if
- 6 the contribution limit has been reached.
- 7 (9) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 8 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
- 9 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than
- 10 90 days, or both, or, if the person is not an individual, by a
- 11 fine of not more than \$10,000.00.
- 12 (10) For purposes of the limitations provided in subsections
- 13 (1) and (2), all contributions made by political committees or
- 14 independent committees established by any corporation, joint
- 15 stock company, OR domestic dependent sovereign, or labor
- 16 organization, including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division,
- 17 department, or local unit thereof, shall be considered to have
- 18 been made by a single independent committee. By way of
- 19 illustration and not limitation, all BOTH of the following apply
- 20 as a result of the application of this requirement:
- 21 (a) All of the political committees and independent
- 22 committees established by a for profit corporation or joint stock
- 23 company, by a subsidiary of the for profit corporation or joint
- 24 stock company, or by any combination thereof, are treated as a
- 25 single independent committee.
- 26 (b) All of the political committees and independent
- 27 committees established by a single national or international

- 1 labor organization, by a labor organization of that national or
- 2 international labor organization, by a local labor organization
- 3 of that national or international labor organization, or by any
- 4 other subordinate organization of that national or international
- 5 labor organization, or by any combination thereof, are treated as
- 6 a single independent committee.
- 7 (c) All of the political committees and independent
- 8 committees established by an organization of national or
- 9 international unions, by a state central body of that
- 10 organization, by a local central body of that organization, or by
- 11 any combination thereof, are treated as a single independent
- 12 committee.
- 13 (B) (d) All of the political committees and independent
- 14 committees established by a nonprofit corporation, by a related
- 15 state entity of that nonprofit corporation, by a related local
- 16 entity of that nonprofit corporation, or by any combination
- 17 thereof, are treated as a single independent committee.
- 18 (11) The limitation on a political committee's contributions
- 19 under subsection (1) does not apply to contributions that are
- 20 part of 1 or more bundled contributions delivered to the
- 21 candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective office
- 22 and that are attributed to the political committee as prescribed
- 23 in section 31. A political committee shall not make contributions
- 24 to a candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective
- 25 office that are part of 1 or more bundled contributions delivered
- 26 to that candidate committee, that are attributed to the political
- 27 committee as prescribed in section 31, and that, in the aggregate

- 1 for that election cycle, are more than the amount permitted a
- 2 person other than an independent committee or political party
- 3 committee in subsection (1).
- 4 (12) The limitation on an independent committee's
- 5 contributions under subsection (2) does not apply to
- 6 contributions that are part of 1 or more bundled contributions
- 7 delivered to the candidate committee of a candidate for statewide
- 8 elective office and that are attributed to the independent
- 9 committee as prescribed in section 31. An independent committee
- 10 shall not make contributions to a candidate committee of a
- 11 candidate for statewide elective office that are part of 1 or
- 12 more bundled contributions delivered to that candidate committee,
- 13 that are attributed to the independent committee as prescribed in
- 14 section 31, and that, in the aggregate for that election cycle,
- 15 are more than 10 times the amount permitted a person other than
- 16 an independent committee or political party committee in
- 17 subsection (1).
- 18 Sec. 55. (1) A corporation organized on a for profit or
- 19 nonprofit basis, a joint stock company, a domestic dependent
- 20 sovereign, or a labor organization formed under the laws of this
- 21 or another state or foreign country may make an expenditure for
- 22 the establishment and administration and solicitation of
- 23 contributions to a separate segregated fund to be used for
- 24 political purposes. A separate segregated fund established under
- 25 this section shall be limited to making contributions to, and
- 26 expenditures on behalf of, candidate committees, ballot question
- 27 committees, political party committees, political committees, and

- 1 independent committees.
- 2 (2) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 3 by a corporation, organized on a for profit basis, or a joint
- 4 stock company under this section may be solicited from any of the
- 5 following persons or their spouses:
- 6 (a) Stockholders of the corporation or company.
- 7 (b) Officers and directors of the corporation or company.
- 8 (c) Employees of the corporation or company who have policy
- 9 making, managerial, professional, supervisory, or administrative
- 10 nonclerical responsibilities.
- 11 (3) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 12 under this section by a corporation organized on a nonprofit
- 13 basis may be solicited from any of the following persons or their
- 14 spouses:
- (a) Members of the corporation who are individuals.
- 16 (b) Stockholders of members of the corporation.
- (c) Officers or directors of members of the corporation.
- 18 (d) Employees of the members of the corporation who have
- 19 policy making, managerial, professional, supervisory, or
- 20 administrative nonclerical responsibilities.
- (e) Employees of the corporation who have policy making,
- 22 managerial, professional, supervisory, or administrative
- 23 nonclerical responsibilities.
- 24 (4) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 25 under this section by a labor organization may be solicited from
- 26 any of the following persons or their spouses:
- 27 (a) Members of the labor organization who are individuals.

- 1 (b) Officers or directors of the labor organization.
- 2 (c) Employees of the labor organization who have policy
- 3 making, managerial, professional, supervisory, or administrative
- 4 nonclerical responsibilities.
- **5** (5) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 6 under this section by a domestic dependent sovereign may be
- 7 solicited from an individual who is a member of any domestic
- 8 dependent sovereign.
- 9 (6) Contributions shall not be obtained for a separate
- 10 segregated fund established under this section by use of coercion
- 11 or physical force, by making a contribution a condition of
- 12 employment or membership, or by using or threatening to use job
- 13 discrimination or financial reprisals. A corporation organized on
- 14 a for profit or nonprofit basis, a joint stock company, a
- 15 domestic dependent sovereign, or a labor organization shall not
- 16 solicit or obtain contributions for a separate segregated fund
- 17 established under this section from an individual described in
- 18 subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) on an automatic or A passive
- 19 basis including but not limited to a payroll deduction plan or
- 20 reverse checkoff method. A corporation organized on a for profit
- 21 or nonprofit basis, a joint stock company, a domestic dependent
- 22 sovereign, or a labor organization may solicit or obtain
- 23 contributions for a separate segregated fund established under
- 24 this section from an individual described in subsection (2), (3),
- 25 (4), or (5) on an automatic basis, including but not limited to a
- 26 payroll deduction plan, only if the individual who is
- 27 contributing to the fund affirmatively consents to the

- 1 contribution. at least once in every calendar year.
- 2 (7) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 3 of a felony punishable, if the person is an individual, by a fine
- 4 of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 3
- 5 years, or both, or, if the person is not an individual, by a fine
- 6 of not more than \$10,000.00.
- 7 (8) If a corporation, joint stock company, domestic
- 8 dependent sovereign, or labor organization that obtains
- 9 contributions for a separate segregated fund from individuals
- 10 described in subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) pays to 1 or more
- 11 of those individuals a bonus or other remuneration for the
- 12 purpose of reimbursing those contributions, then that
- 13 corporation, joint stock company, domestic dependent sovereign,
- 14 or labor organization is subject to a civil fine equal to 2 times
- 15 the total contributions obtained from all individuals for the
- 16 separate segregated fund during that calendar year.
- 17 Sec. 57. (1) A public body or an individual acting for a
- 18 public body shall not use or authorize the use of funds,
- 19 personnel, office space, computer hardware or software, property,
- 20 stationery, postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other
- 21 public resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide
- 22 volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition
- 23 of contribution under section 4(3)(a). This subsection does not
- 24 apply to any of the following:
- 25 (a) The expression of views by an elected or appointed
- 26 public official who has policy making responsibilities.
- 27 (b) The production or dissemination of factual information

- 1 concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body.
- 2 (c) The production or dissemination of debates, interviews,
- 3 commentary, or information by a broadcasting station, newspaper,
- 4 magazine, or other periodical or publication in the regular
- 5 course of broadcasting or publication.
- 6 (d) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 7 behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an
- 8 equal opportunity to use the public facility.
- 9 (e) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 10 behalf of, a public body if that facility is primarily used as a
- 11 family dwelling and is not used to conduct a fund-raising event.
- 12 (f) An elected or appointed public official or an employee
- 13 of a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on
- 14 his or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own
- 15 personal views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is
- 16 providing his or her own personal volunteer services.
- 17 (G) THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES TO PERMIT A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE,
- 18 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES,
- 19 TO CONTRIBUTE TO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S
- 20 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION.
- 21 (2) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 22 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
- 23 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than
- 24 1 year, or both, or if the person is not an individual, by 1 of
- 25 the following, whichever is greater:
- 26 (a) A fine of not more than \$20,000.00.
- 27 (b) A fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution

1 or expenditure.