

SENATE BILL No. 1090

April 12, 1994, Introduced by Senator ARTHURHULTZ and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A bill to amend the title and sections 15, 16, 24, 33, and 35 of Act No 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," sections 15, 24, 33, and 35 as amended by Act No 95 of the Public Acts of 1989 and section 16 as amended by Act No 188 of the Public Acts of 1992, being sections 169 215, 169 216, 169 224, 169 233, and 169 235 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

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- 1 Section 1 The title and sections 15, 16, 24 33, and 35 of
- 2 Act No 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, sections 15, 24, 33, and
- 3 35 as amended by Act No 95 of the Public Acts of 1989 and sec-
- 4 tion 16 as amended by Act No 188 of the Public Acts of 1992,
- 5 being sections 169 215, 169 216, 169 224, 169 233, and 169 235 of
- 6 the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows

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1 TITLE

- 2 An act to regulate political activity to regulate campaign
- 3 financing to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures
- 4 to require campaign statements and reports to regulate anonymous
- 5 contributions to regulate campaign advertising and literature
- 6 to provide for segregated funds for political purposes to pro-
- 7 vide for the use of public funds for political purposes to
- 8 create -a-state campaign fund CERTAIN FUNDS to provide for
- 9 reversion, -of RETENTION, or refunding of -, unexpended bal-
- 10 ances IN CERTAIN FUNDS to require OTHER STATEMENTS AND reports
- 11 TO REGULATE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN GIFTS, PAYMENTS, AND REIMBURSE-
- 12 MENTS TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN STATE
- 13 DEPARTMENTS AND STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES to pro-
- 14 vide appropriations to prescribe penalties AND PROVIDE REMEDIES
- 15 and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts
- 16 Sec 15 (1) The secretary of state shall do all of the
- 17 following
- 18 (a) Make available through his or her offices and furnish
- 19 to county clerks appropriate forms instructions, and manuals
- 20 required by this act
- (b) Develop a filing, coding and cross-indexing system for
- 22 the filing of required reports and statements consistent with the
- 23 purposes of this act, and supervise the implementation of the
- 24 filing systems by the clerks of the counties
- (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act
- 26 to be filed with the secretary of state

- (d) Prepare forms, instructions, and manuals required under
 this act
- 3 (e) Promulgate rules and issue declaratory rulings to imple-
- 4 ment this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of
- 5 1969, Act No 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being
- 6 sections 24 201 to 24 328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws
- 7 (f) -Upon EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ACT, UPON
- 8 receipt of a written request and the required filing, waive pay-
- 9 ment of a late filing fee if the request for the waiver is based
- 10 on good cause and accompanied by adequate documentation Any
- 11 ONE OR MORE of the following reasons -shall- constitute good
- 12 cause for a late filing fee waiver
- 13 (1) The incapacitating physical illness, hospitalization,
- 14 accident involvement, death, or incapacitation for medical rea-
- 15 sons of a person required to file, a person whose participation
- 16 is essential to the preparation of the statement or report, or a
- 17 member of the immediate family of these persons
- 18 (11) Other unique, unintentional factors beyond the filer's
- 19 control not stemming from a negligent act or nonaction so that a
- 20 reasonably prudent person would excuse the filing on a temporary
- 21 basis These factors include the loss or unavailability of
- 22 records due to a fire, flood, theft, or similar reason and diffi-
- 23 culties related to the transmission of the filing to the filing
- 24 official, such as exceptionally bad weather or strikes involving
- 25 transportation systems
 - (G) UPON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST FOLLOWING AN ELECTION
 BY A PERSON REQUIRED TO FILE A REPORT OR STATEMENT UNDER THIS

- 1 ACT, SET UP A RECONCILIATION MEETING TO REVIEW ALL REPORTS AND
- 2 STATEMENTS FILED OR REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THAT PERSON UNDER
- 3 THIS ACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL WAIVE PAYMENT OF ALL LATE
- 4 FILING FEES OR PENALTIES DUE UNDER THIS ACT BY A PERSON WHO
- 5 REQUESTS AND ATTENDS A RECONCILIATION MEETING UNDER THIS SUBDIVI-
- 6 SION AND WHO COMPLETES AND CORRECTS ALL REPORTS OR STATEMENTS
- 7 REQUIRED TO BE FILED UNDER THIS ACT PURSUANT TO THE RECONCILIA-
- 8 TION MEETING
- 9 (2) A declaratory ruling shall be issued under this section
- 10 only if the person requesting the ruling has provided a reason-
- 11 ably complete statement of facts necessary for the ruling or if
- 12 the secretary of state has permitted the person requesting the
- 13 ruling an opportunity to supply supplemental facts necessary for
- 14 the ruling A request for a declaratory ruling that is submitted
- 15 to the secretary of state shall be made available for public
- 16 inspection within 48 hours after its receipt An interested
- 17 person may submit written comments regarding the request to the
- 18 secretary of state within 10 business days after the date the
- 19 request is made available to the public Within 45 business days
- 20 after receiving a declaratory ruling request, the secretary of
- 21 state shall make a proposed response available to the public An
- 22 interested person may submit written comments regarding the pro-
- 23 posed response to the secretary of state within 5 business days
- 24 after the date the proposal is made available to the public
- 25 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary of
- 26 state shall issue a declaratory ruling within 60 business days
- 27 after a request for a declaratory ruling is received
 If the

- 1 secretary of state refuses to issue a declaratory ruling, the
- 2 secretary of state shall notify the person making the request of
- 3 the reasons for the refusal The secretary of state may issue an
- 4 interpretative statement providing an informational response to
- 5 the question presented A declaratory ruling or interpretative
- 6 statement issued under this section shall not state a general
- 7 rule of law, other than that which is stated in this act, until
- 8 the general rule of law is promulgated by the secretary of state
- 9 as a rule pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,
- 10 Act No 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24 201 to
- 11 24 328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or pursuant to judicial
- 12 order
- 13 (3) Under extenuating circumstances, the secretary of state
- 14 may issue a notice extending for not more than 30 business days
- 15 the period during which the secretary of state shall respond to a
- 16 request for a declaratory ruling The secretary of state shall
- 17 not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular
- 18 request A person requesting a declaratory ruling may waive, in
- 19 Writing the time limitations provided by this section
- 20 (4) An annual summary of the declaratory rulings and inter-
- 21 pretative statements issued by the secretary of state shall be
- 22 made available to the public
- 23 (5) A person may file a complaint with the secretary of
- 24 state alleging a violation of this act Upon receipt of a com-
- 25 plaint, the secretary of state shall investigate the allegations
- 26 pursuant to the rules promulgated under this act If the
- 27 secretary of state determines that there may be reason to believe

- 1 that a violation of this act has occurred, the secretary of state
- 2 shall endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further vio-
- 3 lation by using informal methods such as a conference, concili-
- 4 ation, or persuasion, and may enter into a conciliation agreement
- 5 with the person involved Unless violated, a conciliation agree-
- 6 ment is a complete bar to any further action with respect to mat-
- 8 state is unable to correct or prevent further violation by these
- 9 informal methods, the secretary of state may refer the matter to
- 10 the attorney general for the enforcement of any criminal penalty
- 11 provided by this act or commence a hearing pursuant to
- 12 subsection (6)
- 13 (6) The secretary of state may commence a hearing to deter-
- 14 mine whether a civil violation of this act has occurred A hear-
- 15 ing shall not be commenced during the period beginning 30 days
- 16 before an election in which the committee has received or
- 17 expended money and ending the day after that election except with
- 18 the consent of the person suspected of committing a civil
- 19 violation The hearing shall be conducted -in accordance with-
- 20 PURSUANT TO the procedures set forth in chapter 4 of the adminis-
- 21 trative procedures act of 1969, Act No 306 of the Public Acts of
- 22 1969, being sections 24 271 to 24 287 of the Michigan Compiled
- 23 Laws If after a hearing the secretary of state determines that
- 24 a violation of this act has occurred, the secretary of state may
- 25 issue an order requiring the person to pay a civil fine equal to
- 26 the amount of the improper contribution or expenditure plus not
- 27 more than \$1,000 00 for each violation A final decision and

- 1 order issued by the secretary of state is subject to judicial
- 2 review as provided by chapter 6 of the administrative procedures
- 3 act of 1969, Act No 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sec-
- 4 tions 24 301 to 24 306 of the Michigan Compiled Laws -A- THE
- 5 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEPOSIT A civil fine imposed under this
- 6 section -shall be-deposited in the general fund The secretary
- 7 of state may bring an action in circuit court to recover the
- 8 amount of a civil fine
- 9 (7) When a report or statement is filed pursuant to this
- 10 act, the secretary of state shall review the report or statement
- 11 and may investigate an apparent violation of this act pursuant to
- 12 the rules promulgated pursuant to this act If the secretary of
- 13 state determines that there may be reason to believe a violation
- 14 of this act has occurred and the procedures prescribed in subsec-
- 15 tion (5) have been complied with, the secretary of state may
- 16 refer the matter to the attorney general for the enforcement of
- 17 any criminal penalty provided by this act, or commence a hearing
- 18 under subsection (6) to determine whether a civil violation of
- 19 this act has occurred
- 20 (8) Unless otherwise specified in this act, a person who
- 21 violates a provision of this act is subject to a civil fine of
- 22 not more than \$1,000 00 for each violation Civil fines are in
- 23 addition to, but not limited by, any criminal penalty prescribed
- 24 by this act
- 25 (9) The secretary of state may waive the filing of a cam-
- 26 paign statement required under section 33, 34, or 35 if the
- 27 closing date of the particular campaign statement falls on the

- 1 same or a later date as the closing date of the next campaign
- 2 statement filed by the same person, or if the period -which- THAT
- 3 would be otherwise covered by the next campaign statement filed
- 4 by the same person is 10 days or less
- 5 (10) The clerk of each county shall do all of the
- 6 following
- 7 (a) Make available through the county clerk's office the
- 8 appropriate forms, instructions, and manuals required by this
- 9 act
- 10 (b) Under the supervision of the secretary of state, imple-
- 11 ment the filing, coding, and cross-indexing system prescribed for
- 12 the filing of reports and statements required to be filed with
- 13 the county clerk's office
- 14 (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act
- 15 to be filed with the county clerk's office
- (d) Upon written request, waive the payment of a late filing
- 17 fee if the request for a waiver is based on good cause as pre-
- 18 scribed in subsection $\frac{-(1)\cdot(q)}{-(1)\cdot(f)}$
- 19 Sec 16 (1) A filing official shall make a statement or
- 20 report required to be filed under this act available for public
- 21 inspection and reproduction -, commencing DURING REGULAR BUSI-
- 22 NESS HOURS OF THE FILING OFFICIAL THE FILING OFFICIAL SHALL
- 23 MAKE A STATEMENT OR REPORT FILED UNDER THIS ACT AVAILABLE as soon
- 24 as practicable AFTER RECEIPT, but not later than the third busi-
- 25 ness day following the day on which -it THE STATEMENT OR REPORT
- 26 is received -, during regular business hours of the filing
- 27 official—

- 1 (2) A FILING OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE A copy of a statement or
 2 part of a statement shall be provided by a filing official at a
 3 reasonable charge
- 4 (3) A PERSON SHALL NOT USE A statement open to the public 5 under this act -shall not be used for any commercial purpose
- 6 (4) A THE FILING OFFICIAL SHALL PRESERVE A statement of
 7 organization filed under this act —shall be preserved by the
- 8 filing official for 5 years from the official date of the
- 9 committee's dissolution ——A— THE FILING OFFICIAL SHALL PRESERVE
- 10 A statement or report filed under this act by a candidate for an
- 11 office with a term exceeding 4 years -shall be preserved by the
- 12 filing official for 1 year beyond that candidate's term of
- 13 office -Any THE FILING OFFICIAL SHALL PRESERVE ANY other
- 14 statement or report filed under this act -shall be preserved by
- 15 the filing official for 5 years from the date the filing
- 16 occurred Statements and reports filed under this act may be
- 17 reproduced pursuant to the records media act, ACT NO 116 OF THE
- 18 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1992, BEING SECTIONS 24 401 TO 24 403 OF THE
- 19 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS After the required preservation period
- 20 the statements and reports, or the reproductions of the state-
- 21 ments and reports, shall be destroyed
- 22 (5) A -charge FILING OFFICIAL shall not -be-collected by a
- 23 filing official for the filing of a required statement or report
- 24 or COLLECT A FEE for a form upon which the A REQUIRED state-
- 26 OFFICIAL SHALL COLLECT a late filing fee AS required by this
- 27 act

- 1 (6) A filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 2 report filed under this act complies, on its face, with the
- 3 requirements of this act and the rules promulgated under this
- 4 act The filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 5 report that is required to be filed under this act is in fact
- 6 filed Within 4 business days after the deadline for filing a
- 7 statement or report under this act, the filing official shall
- 8 give notice to the filer by registered mail of an error or omis-
- 9 sion in the statement or report and give notice to a person the
- 10 filing official has reason to believe is a person required to and
- 11 who failed to file a statement or report A failure to give
- 12 notice by the filing official under this subsection is not a
- 13 defense to a criminal action against the person required to
- 14 file
- 15 (7) Within 9 business days after the report or statement is
- 16 required to be filed, the filer shall make any corrections in the
- 17 statement or report -filed AND FILE THE CORRECTIONS with the
- 18 appropriate filing official If the report or statement was not
- 19 filed, -then it shall be late filed THE PERSON SHALL FILE THE
- 20 REPORT OR STATEMENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICIAL within 9
- 21 business days after the time it was required to be filed, -and
- 22 shall-be WHICH STATEMENT OR REPORT IS CONSIDERED LATE FILED AND
- 23 IS subject to late filing fees
- 24 (8) BEFORE 2 BUSINESS DAYS HAVE EXPIRED AFTER THE DEADLINE
- 25 FOR FILING THE STATEMENT OR REPORT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
- 26 REPORT FAILURES TO FILE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE 2
- 27 BUSINESS DAYS HAVE EXPIRED AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE

- 1 STATEMENT OR REPORT, THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL REPORT FAILURES TO
- 2 FILE TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THAT COUNTY After 9 busi-
- 3 ness days and before 12 business days have expired after the
- 4 deadline for filing the statement or report, the -filing
- 5 official SECRETARY OF STATE shall report errors or omissions
- 6 that were not corrected -and failures to file to the attorney
- 7 general AFTER 9 BUSINESS DAYS AND BEFORE 12 BUSINESS DAYS HAVE
- 8 EXPIRED AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE STATEMENT OR REPORT,
- 9 THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL REPORT ERRORS OR OMISSIONS THAT WERE NOT
- 10 CORRECTED TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THAT COUNTY ON THE
- 11 TENTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE RECEIPT OF A REPORT OF ERRORS OR
- 12 OMISSIONS AND FAILURES TO FILE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE
- 13 ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REPORT ERRORS OR OMISSIONS THAT WERE NOT
- 14 CORRECTED AND FAILURES TO FILE TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
- 15 THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FILER RESIDES, IF KNOWN WITHIN A REA-
- 16 SONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF ERRORS OR
- 17 OMISSIONS THAT WERE NOT CORRECTED AND FAILURES TO FILE, THE
- 18 ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SHALL TAKE THE
- 19 STEPS NEEDED TO ENFORCE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF THIS ACT
- 20 EXCEPT WHEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE PROSE-
- 21 CUTING ATTORNEY SHALL BEGIN TAKING THE STEPS NEEDED TO ENFORCE
- 22 THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF THIS ACT BEFORE THE IMMEDIATELY SUC-
- 23 CEEDING ELECTION AT WHICH THE CANDIDATE OR BALLOT QUESTION WILL
- 24 APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
- 25 (9) A PERSON SHALL FILE A statement or report required to be
- 26 filed under this act -shall be filed not later than 5 p m of
- 27 the day in which it is required to be filed A preelection

- 1 statement or report due on July 25 or October 25 under section 33
- 2 which THAT is postmarked by registered or certified mail, or
- 3 sent by express mail or other overnight delivery service, at
- 4 least 2 days before the deadline for filing -shall-be- IS consid-
- 5 ered filed within the prescribed time regardless of when it is
- 6 actually delivered Any other statement or report required to be
- 7 filed under this act -which THAT is postmarked by registered or
- 8 certified mail or sent by express mail or other overnight deliv-
- 9 ery service on or before the deadline for filing -shall be- IS
- 10 considered filed within the prescribed time regardless of when it
- 11 is actually delivered
- 12 (10) A PERSON REQUIRED TO FILE UNDER THIS ACT MAY FILE BY
- 13 COMPUTER DISK IN A FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
- 14 Sec 24 (1) A committee shall file a statement of organi-
- 15 zation with the filing officials designated in section 36 to
- 16 receive the committee's campaign statements A statement of
- 17 organization shall be filed within 10 days after a committee is
- 18 formed A filing official shall maintain a statement of organi-
- 19 zation filed by a committee until 5 years after the official date
- 20 of the committee's dissolution A person who fails to file a
- 21 statement of organization required by this subsection shall pay a
- 22 late filing fee of \$10-00 \$25 00 for each business day the
- 23 statement remains not filed in violation of this subsection The
- 24 late filing fee shall not exceed \$300 00 \$1,000 00 A person
- 25 who violates this subsection by failing to file for more than 30
- 26 days after a statement of organization is required to be filed is
- 27 quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than

- 1 \$1,000 00 FOR A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, THE CANDIDATE AND THE
- 2 TREASURER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
- 3 COMMITTEE'S RECORD KEEPING, REPORT PREPARATION, OR REPORT FILING
- 4 ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FILING REQUIRED BY THIS
- 5 SUBSECTION THE PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE BY OR CONVICTION OF 1 OF
- 6 THOSE PARTIES DOES NOT BAR THE PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE BY OR CON-
- 7 VICTION OF THE OTHER PARTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 8 (2) The statement of organization required by subsection (1)
- 9 shall include the following information
- 10 (a) The name, street address, and if available, the tele-
- 11 phone number of the committee A committee address may be the
- 12 home address of the candidate or treasurer of the committee
- 13 (b) The name, street address, and if available, the tele-
- 14 phone number of the treasurer or other individual designated as
- 15 responsible for the committee's record keeping, report prepara-
- 16 tion, or report filing
- 17 (c) The name and address of the financial institution in
- 18 which the official committee depository is or is intended to be
- 19 located, and the name and address of each financial institution
- 20 in which a secondary depository is or is intended to be located
- 21 (d) The full name of —, the office BEING SOUGHT, including
- 22 district number or jurisdiction, -sought by; and the county res-
- 23 idence of each candidate -, and a SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED BY THE
- 24 COMMITTEE
- 25 (E) A brief statement identifying the substance of each
- 26 ballot question supported or opposed by the committee If the
- 27 ballot question supported or opposed by the committee is not

- 1 statewide, the committee shall identify the county in which the
- 2 greatest number of registered voters eliquble to vote on the
- 3 ballot question reside
- 4 (F) -(e) Identification of the committee as a candidate
- 5 committee, political party committee, independent committee,
- 6 political committee, or ballot question committee if it is iden-
- 7 tifiable as such a committee
- 8 (3) If any of the information required in a statement of
- 9 organization is changed, THE COMMITTEE SHALL FILE an amendment
- 10 -shall-be-filed when the next campaign statement is required to
- 11 be filed
- 12 (4) When filing a statement of organization, a committee,
- 13 other than an independent committee, a political committee, or a
- 14 political party committee, may indicate in a written statement
- 15 signed by the treasurer of the committee that the committee does
- 16 not expect for each election to receive an amount in excess of
- 17 \$1 000 00 or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000 00
- (5) When filing a statement of organization, an independent
- 19 committee, a political committee or a political party committee
- 20 may indicate in a written statement signed by the treasurer of
- 21 the committee that the committee does not expect in a calendar
- 22 year to receive or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000 00
- 23 (6) Upon the dissolution of a committee, THE COMMITTEE SHALL
- 24 FILE a statement indicating dissolution -shall be filed with the
- 25 filing officials with whom the committee's statement of organiza-
- 26 tion was filed Dissolution of a committee shall be accomplished
- 27 in accordance with PURSUANT TO rules promulgated by the

- 1 secretary of state under the administrative procedures act of
- 2 1969, Act No 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections
- 3 24 201 to 24 328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws -(7) A candi-
- 4 date committee -which THAT files a written statement pursuant to
- 5 subsection (4) -shall- IS not -be- required to file a dissolution
- 6 statement pursuant to UNDER THIS subsection (6) if the com-
- 7 mittee failed to receive or expend an amount in excess of
- 8 \$1,000 00 and 1 of the following applies
- 9 (a) The candidate was defeated in an election and has no
- 10 outstanding campaign debts or assets
- 11 (b) The candidate vacates an elective office and has no out-
- 12 standing campaign debts or assets
- 13 Sec 33 (1) A committee other than an independent commit-
- 14 tee or a political committee required to file with the secretary
- 15 of state, supporting or opposing a candidate shall file campaign
- 16 statements as required by this act according to the following
- 17 schedule
- 18 (a) A preelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 19 later than the eleventh day before an election The closing date
- 20 for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall be-
- 21 IS the sixteenth day before the election
- 22 (b) A postelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 23 later than the thirtieth day following the election The closing
- 24 date for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision -shall
- 25 be IS the twentieth day following the election A committee
- 26 supporting a candidate who loses the primary election shall file
- 27 closing campaign statements -in accordance with PURSUANT TO this

- 1 section If all liabilities of such a candidate or committee are
- 2 paid before the closing date and additional contributions are not
- 3 expected, the campaign statement may be filed at any time after
- 4 the election, but not later than the thirtieth day following the
- 5 election
- 6 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)
- 7 (a) A candidate committee shall file a preelection campaign
- 8 statement and a postelection campaign statement for each election
- 9 in which the candidate seeks nomination or election, except if an
- 10 individual becomes a candidate after the closing date for the
- 11 preelection campaign statement only the postelection campaign
- 12 statement is required for that election
- 13 (b) A committee other than a candidate committee shall file
- 14 a campaign statement for each period during which expenditures
- 15 are made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or elec-
- 16 tion of a candidate or for the qualification, passage, or defeat
- 17 of a ballot question
- 18 (3) An independent committee or a political committee
- 19 required to file with the secretary of state shall file campaign
- 20 statements as required by this act according to the following
- 21 schedule
- 22 (a) In an odd numbered year
- 23 (1) Not later than January 31 of that year with a closing
- 24 date of December 31 of the previous year
- 25 (11) Not later than July 25 with a closing date of July 20
- 26 (111) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of
- **27** October 20

- 1 (b) In an even numbered year
- 2 (1) Not later than April 25 of that year with a closing date
- 3 of April 20 of that year
- 4 (11) Not later than July 25 with a closing date of July 20
- 5 (111) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of
- 6 October 20
- 7 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) or section 51, if an
- 8 independent expenditure is made within 45 days before a special
- 9 election by an independent committee or a political committee
- 10 required to file a campaign statement with the secretary of
- 11 state, THE COMMITTEE SHALL FILE a report of the INDEPENDENT
- 12 expenditure -shall be filed by the committee- with the secretary
- 13 of state within 48 hours after the expenditure The report shall
- 14 be made on a form provided by the secretary of state and shall
- 15 include the date of the independent expenditure, the amount of
- 16 the expenditure, a brief description of the nature of the expen-
- 17 diture, and the name and address of the person to whom the expen-
- 18 diture was paid The brief description of the INDEPENDENT expen-
- 19 diture shall include either the name of the candidate and the
- 20 office sought by the candidate or the name of the ballot question
- 21 and shall state whether the expenditure supports or opposes the
- 22 candidate or ballot question This subsection does not apply if
- 23 the committee is required to report the independent expenditure
- 24 in a campaign statement that is required to be filed before the
- 25 date of the election for which the expenditure was made
- 26 (5) A candidate committee or a committee other than a
- 27 candidate committee which THAT files a written statement under

- 1 section -24(5) or (6)- 24 INDICATING THAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT
- 2 EXPECT TO RECEIVE OR EXPEND AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 00 need
- 3 not file a campaign statement under subsection (1) or (3) unless
- 4 it THE COMMITTEE received or expended an amount in excess of
- 5 \$1,000 00 If the committee receives or expends an amount in
- 6 excess of \$1,000 00 during a period covered by a filing, the com-
- 7 mittee is then subject to the campaign filing requirements under
- 8 this act
- 9 (6) A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 10 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 11 report preparation, or report filing who fails to file a state-
- 12 ment as required by this section shall pay a late filing fee of
- 13 -\$25 00 \$100 00 for each business day the statement remains
- 14 unfiled The late filing fee shall not exceed \$500 00 If a
- 15 candidate, treasurer, or other individual designated as responsi-
- 16 ble for the committee's record keeping report preparation, or
- 17 report filing fails to file 2 statements required by this section
- 18 or section 35 and both of the statements remain unfiled for more
- 19 than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer, or other designated
- 20 individual is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of
- 21 not more than \$1,000 00, or imprisonment for not more than 90
- 22 days, or both FOR A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, THE CANDIDATE AND THE
- 23 TREASURER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
- 24 COMMITTEE'S RECORD KEEPING, REPORT PREPARATION, OR REPORT FILING
- 25 ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FILING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION
- 26 AND SECTION 35 THE PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE BY OR CONVICTION OF 1

- 1 OF THOSE PARTIES DOES NOT BAR THE PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE BY OR
- 2 CONVICTION OF THE OTHER PARTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 3 (7) If a candidate subject to this section is found guilty,
- 4 the circuit court for that county, on application by the attorney
- 5 general or the prosecuting attorney of that county, may prohibit
- 6 that candidate from assuming the duties of a public office or
- 7 from receiving compensation from public funds, or both
- 8 (8) If a treasurer or other individual designated as respon-
- 9 sible for a committee's record keeping, report preparation, or
- 10 report filing knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate state-
- 11 ment or report required by this section, that treasurer or other
- 12 designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not more than
- 13 \$1,000 00
- 14 Sec 35 (1) In addition to any other requirements of this
- 15 act for filing a campaign statement, a committee, other than an
- 16 independent committee or a political committee required to file
- 17 with the secretary of state shall also file a campaign statement
- 18 not later than January 31 of each year The campaign statement
- 19 shall have a closing date of December 31 of the previous year
- 20 The period covered by the campaign statement filed pursuant to
- 21 this subsection shall begin the day after the closing date of the
- 22 previous campaign statement A campaign statement filed pursuant
- 23 to this subsection shall be waived if a postelection campaign
- 24 statement has been filed -which- ON OR BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE
- 25 FOR THE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION AND has a
- 26 filing deadline within 30 days of the closing date of the
- 27 campaign statement required by this subsection

- 1 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a candidate committee
 2 for an officeholder who is a judge or a supreme court justice, or
 3 who holds an elective office for which the salary is less than
 4 \$100 00 a month and who does not receive any contribution or make
 5 any expenditure during the time —which— THAT would be otherwise
- (3) A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual 8 designated as responsible for the record keeping, report prepara-9 tion, or report filing for a candidate committee of a candidate 10 for state elective office or a judicial office who fails to file 11 a campaign statement under this section shall pay a late filing 12 fee of \$25 00 for each business day the campaign statement 13 remains not filed in violation of this section The late filing 14 fee shall not exceed \$500 00 A committee, treasurer or other 15 individual designated as responsible for the record keeping, 16 report preparation, or report filing for a committee other than a 17 candidate committee of a candidate for state elective office or a 18 judicial office who fails to file a campaign statement under this 19 section shall pay a late filing fee of \$25 00 for each business 20 day the committee statement remains not filed in violation of The late filing fee shall not exceed \$500 00 21 this section (4) A committee filing a written statement pursuant to sec-22 23 tion -24(5) or (6) 24(4) OR (5) need not file a statement -1n24 accordance with UNDER subsection (1) If a committee receives 25 or expends more than \$1,000 00 during a time period prescribed by **26** section -24(5) or (6) 24(4) OR (5), the committee is then 27 subject to the campaign filing requirements under this act and

6 covered in the statement

- 1 shall file a campaign statement for the period beginning the day
- 2 after the closing date of the last postelection campaign state-
- 3 ment or an annual campaign statement -which THAT is waived pur-
- 4 suant to subsection (1), whichever occurred earlier
- 5 (5) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual desig-
- 6 nated as responsible for the record keeping, report preparation,
- 7 or report filing fails to file 2 statements required by this sec-
- 8 tion or section 33 and both of the statements remain unfiled for
- 9 more than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer, or other designated
- 10 individual is quilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of
- 11 not more than \$1,000 00, or imprisonment for not more than 90
- 12 days, or both
- 13 (6) If a treasurer or other individual designated as respon-
- 14 sible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 15 filing for a committee required to file a campaign statement
- 16 under subsection (1) knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate
- 17 statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or
- 18 other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not
- 19 more than \$1,000 00