HOUSE BILL No. 4628

April 19, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Miller and Farrah and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending sections 4, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21,

by amending sections 4, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, 50, 51, 55, 57, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, and 69 (MCL 169.204, 169.215, 169.216, 169.217, 169.218, 169.221, 169.222, 169.223, 169.224, 169.226, 169.230, 169.233, 169.234, 169.235, 169.236, 169.246, 169.247, 169.250, 169.251, 169.255, 169.257, 169.263, 169.264, 169.265, 169.267, 169.268, and 169.269), sections 4, 17, 21, 23, and 51 as amended by 1989 PA 95, sections 15, 26, 47, 57, and 69 as amended by 2001 PA 250, section 16 as amended by 2000 PA 50, section 18 as amended by

2006 PA 89, sections 22 and 24 as amended by 1999 PA 237, section 30 as added by 1997 PA 71, sections 33 and 34 as amended by 1999 PA 238, section 35 as amended by 2000 PA 75, section 36 as amended by 1996 PA 590, section 50 as added by 1994 PA 385, section 55 as amended by 1995 PA 264, sections 64 and 65 as amended by 1993 PA 262, and section 67 as amended by 1994 PA 411, and by adding sections 43a, 48, and 57a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4. (1) "Contribution" means a payment, gift,
- 2 subscription, assessment, expenditure, contract, payment for
- 3 services, dues, advance, forbearance, loan, or donation of money
- 4 or anything of ascertainable monetary value, or a transfer of
- 5 anything of ascertainable monetary value to a person, made for
- 6 the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a
- 7 candidate, or for the qualification, passage, or defeat of a
- 8 ballot question.
- 9 (2) Contribution includes the full purchase price of tickets
- 10 or payment of an attendance fee for events such as dinners,
- 11 luncheons, rallies, testimonials, and other fund-raising events;
- 12 an individual's own money or property other than the individual's
- 13 homestead used on behalf of that individual's candidacy; the
- 14 granting of discounts or rebates not available to the general
- 15 public; or the granting of discounts or rebates by broadcast
- 16 media and newspapers not extended on an equal basis to all
- 17 candidates for the same office; and the endorsing or guaranteeing
- 18 of a loan for the amount the endorser or quarantor is liable.
- 19 (3) Contribution does not include any of the following:

- 1 (a) Volunteer personal services provided without
- 2 compensation, or payments of costs incurred of less than \$500.00
- 3 in a calendar year by an individual for personal travel expenses
- 4 if the costs are voluntarily incurred without any understanding
- 5 or agreement that the costs shall WILL be, directly or
- 6 indirectly, repaid.
- 7 (b) Food and beverages, not to exceed \$100.00 in value
- 8 during a calendar year, which THAT are donated by an individual
- 9 and for which reimbursement is not given.
- 10 (c) An offer or tender of a contribution if expressly and
- 11 unconditionally rejected, returned, or refunded in whole or in
- 12 part within 30 business days after receipt.
- 13 (D) A TRANSACTION THAT OTHERWISE MEETS THE DEFINITION OF
- 14 CONTRIBUTION, THE VALUE OF WHICH IS LESS THAN \$50.00.
- 15 Sec. 15. (1) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 16 shall do all of the following:
- 17 (A) DISCHARGE THE POWERS AND DUTIES VESTED IN THE DIRECTOR
- 18 OF ELECTIONS UNDER THIS ACT INDEPENDENTLY AND IN A NONPARTISAN
- 19 MANNER, WITH GOOD FAITH. THE SUBSTANTIVE FUNCTIONS VESTED IN THE
- 20 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS UNDER THIS ACT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO
- 21 ALLOCATION OR REALLOCATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNDER
- 22 SECTION 7 OF THE EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1965, 1965 PA 380,
- 23 MCL 16.107.
- 24 (B) (a) Make available through his or her THE SECRETARY OF
- 25 STATE'S offices, and furnish to county clerks, appropriate forms,
- 26 instructions, and manuals required by this act.
- 27 (C) (b)—Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system

- 1 for the filing of required reports and statements consistent with
- 2 the purposes of this act, and supervise the implementation of the
- 3 filing systems by the clerks of the counties.
- 4 (D) (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this
- 5 act to be filed with the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 6 ELECTIONS.
- 7 (E) (d) Prepare forms, instructions, and manuals required
- 8 under this act.
- 9 (F) (e) Promulgate rules and issue declaratory rulings to
- 10 implement this act in accordance with the administrative
- 11 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 12 (G) (f) Upon receipt of a written request and the required
- 13 filing, waive payment of a late filing fee if the request for the
- 14 waiver is based on good cause and accompanied by adequate
- 15 documentation. One or more of the following reasons constitute
- 16 good cause for a late filing fee waiver:
- 17 (i) The incapacitating physical illness, hospitalization,
- 18 accident involvement, death, or incapacitation for medical
- 19 reasons of a person required to file, a person whose
- 20 participation is essential to the preparation of the statement or
- 21 report, or a member of the immediate family of these persons.
- 22 (ii) Other unique, unintentional factors beyond the filer's
- 23 control not stemming from a negligent act or nonaction so that a
- 24 reasonably prudent person would excuse the filing on a temporary
- 25 basis. These factors include the loss or unavailability of
- 26 records due to a fire, flood, theft, or similar reason and
- 27 difficulties related to the transmission of the filing to the

- 1 filing official, such as exceptionally bad weather or strikes
- 2 involving transportation systems.
- 3 (2) A declaratory ruling shall be issued under this section
- 4 only if the person requesting the ruling has provided a
- 5 reasonably complete statement of facts necessary for the ruling
- 6 or if the person requesting the ruling has, with the permission
- 7 of the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, supplied
- 8 supplemental facts necessary for the ruling. A request for a
- 9 declaratory ruling that is submitted to the secretary of state
- 10 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall be made available for public
- 11 inspection within 48 hours after its receipt. An interested
- 12 person may submit written comments regarding the request to the
- 13 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS within 10 business days
- 14 after the date the request is made available to the public.
- 15 Within 45 business days after receiving a declaratory ruling
- 16 request, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall make
- 17 a proposed response available to the public. An interested person
- 18 may submit written comments regarding the proposed response to
- 19 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS within 5 business
- 20 days after the date the proposal is made available to the public.
- 21 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary of
- 22 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall issue a declaratory ruling
- 23 within 60 business days after a request for a declaratory ruling
- 24 is received. If the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 25 refuses to issue a declaratory ruling, the secretary of state
- 26 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall notify the person making the request
- 27 of the reasons for the refusal and shall issue an interpretative

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

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

- 1 certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information,
- 2 or belief, there are grounds to conclude that those specifically
- 3 identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by
- 4 evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry.
- 5 (7) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 6 develop a form that satisfies the requirements of subsection (6)
- 7 and may be used for the filing of complaints.
- 8 (8) A person who files a complaint with a false certificate
- 9 under subsection (6)(c) is responsible for a civil violation of
- 10 this act. A person may file a complaint under subsection (5)
- 11 alleging that another person has filed a complaint with a false
- 12 certificate under subsection (6)(c).
- 13 (9) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 14 investigate the allegations under the rules promulgated under
- 15 this act. Every 60 days after a complaint that meets the
- 16 requirements of subsection (6) is filed and until the matter is
- 17 terminated, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 18 mail to the complainant and to the alleged violator notice of the
- 19 action taken to date by the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 20 ELECTIONS, together with the reasons for the action or nonaction.
- 21 (10) If the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 22 determines that there may be reason to believe that a violation
- 23 of this act has occurred, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 24 ELECTIONS shall endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a
- 25 further violation by using informal methods such as a conference,
- 26 conciliation, or persuasion, and may enter into a conciliation
- 27 agreement with the person involved. Unless violated, a

- 1 conciliation agreement is a complete bar to any further action
- 2 with respect to matters covered in the conciliation agreement. If
- 3 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS is unable to correct
- 4 or prevent further violation by these informal methods, the
- 5 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may refer the matter to
- 6 the attorney general for the enforcement of a criminal penalty
- 7 provided by this act or commence a hearing as provided in
- 8 subsection (11). IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- 9 OR A CAMPAIGN OR COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS
- 10 CONNECTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 11 SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY
- 12 OF INGHAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF A CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED BY
- 13 THIS ACT.
- 14 (11) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may
- 15 commence a hearing to determine whether a civil violation of this
- 16 act has occurred. A hearing shall not be commenced during the
- 17 period beginning 30 days before an election in which the
- 18 committee has received or expended money and ending the day after
- 19 that election except with the consent of the person suspected of
- 20 committing a civil violation. The hearing shall be conducted in
- 21 accordance with the procedures set forth in chapter 4 of the
- 22 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.271 to
- 23 24.287. If after a hearing the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 24 ELECTIONS determines that a violation of this act has occurred,
- 25 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may issue an order
- 26 requiring the person to pay a civil fine equal to the amount of
- 27 the improper contribution or expenditure plus not more than

- 1 \$1,000.00 for each violation.
- 2 (12) A final decision and order issued by the secretary of
- 3 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS is subject to judicial review as
- 4 provided by chapter 6 of the administrative procedures act of
- 5 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.301 to 24.306. The secretary of state
- 6 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall deposit a civil fine imposed under
- 7 this section in the general fund. The secretary of state DIRECTOR
- 8 OF ELECTIONS may bring an action in circuit court to recover the
- 9 amount of a civil fine.
- 10 (13) When a report or statement is filed under this act, the
- 11 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall review the report
- 12 or statement and may investigate an apparent violation of this
- 13 act under the rules promulgated under this act. If the secretary
- 14 of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS determines that there may be
- 15 reason to believe a violation of this act has occurred and the
- 16 procedures prescribed in subsection (10) have been complied with,
- 17 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may refer the matter
- 18 to the attorney general for the enforcement of a criminal penalty
- 19 provided by this act, or commence a hearing under subsection (11)
- 20 to determine whether a civil violation of this act has occurred.
- 21 IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A CAMPAIGN OR
- 22 COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS CONNECTED, DIRECTLY
- 23 OR INDIRECTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL REFER THE MATTER
- 24 TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM FOR THE
- 25 ENFORCEMENT OF A CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.
- 26 (14) Unless otherwise specified in this act, a person who
- 27 violates a provision of this act is subject to a civil fine of

- 1 not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation. A civil fine is in
- 2 addition to, but not limited by, a criminal penalty prescribed by
- 3 this act.
- 4 (15) In addition to any other sanction provided for by this
- 5 act, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may require a
- 6 person who files a complaint with a false certificate under
- 7 subsection (6)(c) to do either or both of the following:
- 8 (a) Pay to the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS some
- 9 or all of the expenses incurred by the secretary of state
- 10 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS as a direct result of the filing of the
- 11 complaint.
- 12 (b) Pay to the person against whom the complaint was filed
- 13 some or all of the expenses, including, but not limited to,
- 14 reasonable attorney fees incurred by that person in proceedings
- 15 under this act as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.
- 16 (16) There is no private right of action, either in law or
- 17 in equity, under this act. The remedies provided in this act are
- 18 the exclusive means by which this act may be enforced and by
- 19 which any harm resulting from a violation of this act may be
- 20 redressed.
- 21 (17) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS may waive
- 22 the filing of a campaign statement required under section 33, 34,
- 23 or 35 if the closing date of the particular campaign statement
- 24 falls on the same or a later date as the closing date of the next
- 25 campaign statement filed by the same person, or if the period
- 26 that would be otherwise covered by the next campaign statement
- 27 filed by the same person is 10 days or less.

- 1 (18) The clerk of each county shall do all of the following:
- 2 (a) Make available through the county clerk's office the
- 3 appropriate forms, instructions, and manuals required by this
- 4 act.
- 5 (b) Under the supervision of the secretary of state DIRECTOR
- 6 OF ELECTIONS, implement the filing, coding, and cross-indexing
- 7 system prescribed for the filing of reports and statements
- 8 required to be filed with the county clerk's office.
- 9 (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act
- 10 to be filed with the county clerk's office.
- (d) Upon written request, waive the payment of a late filing
- 12 fee if the request for a waiver is based on good cause as
- 13 prescribed in subsection (1)(f).
- 14 Sec. 16. (1) A filing official shall make a statement or
- 15 report required to be filed under this act available for public
- 16 inspection and reproduction, commencing as soon as practicable,
- 17 but not later than the third business day following the day on
- 18 which it is received, during regular business hours of the filing
- 19 official. If the report is a report of a late contribution under
- 20 section 32(1) made to the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 21 ELECTIONS, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 22 also make the report or all of the contents of the report
- 23 available to the public on the internet, without charge, as soon
- 24 as practicable but not later than the end of the business day on
- 25 which it is received, at a single website established and
- 26 maintained by the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS.
- 27 (2) A copy of a statement or part of a statement shall be

- 1 provided by a filing official at a reasonable charge.
- 2 (3) A statement open to the public under this act shall not
- 3 be used for any commercial purpose.
- 4 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
- 5 statement of organization filed under this act with a filing
- 6 official who is not the secretary of state-DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 7 shall be preserved by that filing official for 5 years from the
- 8 official date of the committee's dissolution. A statement of
- 9 organization filed under this act with a filing official who is
- 10 not the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS that is filed by
- 11 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 official date of the committee's dissolution. A
- 14 statement of organization filed under this act with the secretary
- 15 of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall be preserved by the
- 16 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS for 15 years from the
- 17 official date of the committee's dissolution. Except as otherwise
- 18 provided in this subsection, any other statement or report filed
- 19 under this act with a filing official who is not the secretary of
- 20 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall be preserved by that filing
- 21 official for 5 years from the date the filing occurred. Any other
- 22 statement or report filed under this act with a filing official
- 23 who is not the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS that is
- 24 filed by a committee that received more than \$50,000.00 in an
- 25 election cycle shall be preserved by that filing official for 15
- 26 years from the date the filing occurred. Any other statement or
- 27 report filed under this act with the secretary of state-DIRECTOR

- 1 OF ELECTIONS shall be preserved by the secretary of state
- 2 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS for 15 years from the date the filing
- 3 occurred. Upon a determination under section 15 that a violation
- 4 of this act has occurred, all complaints, orders, decisions, or
- 5 other documents related to that violation shall be preserved by
- 6 the filing official who is not the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 7 ELECTIONS or the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS for 15
- 8 years from the date of the court determination or the date the
- 9 violations are corrected, whichever is later. Statements and
- 10 reports filed under this act may be reproduced pursuant to the
- 11 records media REPRODUCTION act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.403
- 12 24.406. After the required preservation period, the statements
- 13 and reports, or the reproductions of the statements and reports,
- 14 may be disposed of in the manner prescribed in the management and
- 15 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, and 1913 PA 271,
- **16** MCL 399.1 to 399.10.
- 17 (5) A charge shall not be collected by a filing official for
- 18 the filing of a required statement or report or for a form upon
- 19 which the statement or report is to be prepared, except a late
- 20 filing fee required by this act.
- 21 (6) A filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 22 report filed under this act complies, on its face, with the
- 23 requirements of this act and the rules promulgated under this
- 24 act. The filing official shall determine whether a statement or
- 25 report that is required to be filed under this act is in fact
- 26 filed. Within 4 business days after the deadline for filing a
- 27 statement or report under this act, the filing official shall

- 1 give notice to the filer by registered mail of an error or
- 2 omission in the statement or report and give notice to a person
- 3 the filing official has reason to believe is a person required to
- 4 and who failed to file a statement or report. A failure to give
- 5 notice by the filing official under this subsection is not a
- 6 defense to a criminal action against the person required to file.
- 7 (7) Within 9 business days after the report or statement is
- 8 required to be filed, the filer shall make any corrections in the
- 9 statement or report filed with the appropriate filing official.
- 10 If the report or statement was not filed, then the report or
- 11 statement shall be late filed within 9 business days after the
- 12 time it was required to be filed and shall be IS subject to late
- 13 filing fees.
- 14 (8) After 9 business days and before 12 business days have
- 15 expired after the deadline for filing the statement or report,
- 16 the filing official shall report errors or omissions that were
- 17 not corrected and failures to file to the attorney general OR, IF
- 18 THE ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR FAILURE TO FILE INVOLVES THE ATTORNEY
- 19 GENERAL OR A CAMPAIGN OR COMMITTEE WITH WHICH THE ATTORNEY
- 20 GENERAL IS CONNECTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF
- 21 ELECTIONS SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
- 22 THE COUNTY OF INGHAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF A CRIMINAL PENALTY
- 23 PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.
- 24 (9) A statement or report required to be filed under this
- 25 act shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day in which it
- 26 is required to be filed. A preelection statement or report due on
- 27 July 25-31 or October 25-31 under section 33 that is postmarked

- 1 by registered or certified mail, or sent by express mail or other
- 2 overnight delivery service, at least 2 days before the deadline
- 3 for filing is filed within the prescribed time regardless of when
- 4 it is actually delivered. Any other statement or report required
- 5 to be filed under this act that is postmarked by registered or
- 6 certified mail or sent by express mail or other overnight
- 7 delivery service on or before the deadline for filing is filed
- 8 within the prescribed time regardless of when it is actually
- 9 delivered.
- 10 Sec. 17. (1) A person paying a late filing fee as a result
- 11 of that person's failure to file a statement or report shall pay
- 12 that fee to the filing official with whom the statement or report
- 13 was required to be filed.
- 14 (2) The late filing fees collected pursuant to sections 24,
- 15 33, 34, and 35, and copying charges collected pursuant to section
- 16 16, shall be retained by and for the use of the filing officials
- 17 collecting the fees or charges to cover their expenses in
- 18 administering this act. A late filing fee assessed by a county
- 19 clerk that remains unpaid for more than 60 days shall be
- 20 considered a debt of the county and shall be collected by the
- 21 county treasurer in the same manner as other county debts are
- 22 collected. A late filing fee assessed by the secretary of state
- 23 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS that remains unpaid for more than 180 days
- 24 shall be referred to the department of treasury for collection.
- 25 (3) A committee, other than a candidate committee or a
- 26 committee making expenditures in assistance of or in opposition
- 27 to the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question,

- 1 required to file with the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 2 ELECTIONS is not required to pay a late filing fee pursuant to
- 3 sections 24, 33, 34, and 35, if all of the following conditions
- 4 are met:
- 5 (a) A committee required to register as a committee fails to
- 6 file a statement of organization.
- 7 (b) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS sends to
- 8 that committee notice of the committee's failure to file a
- 9 statement of organization.
- 10 (c) At the same time or after the notice described in
- 11 subdivision (b) is sent, the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 12 ELECTIONS sends to that committee notice of the committee's
- 13 failure to file a campaign statement that was due for a period
- 14 that occurred before the notice of failure to file a statement of
- 15 organization was sent.
- 16 (d) Within 10 business days after the notice of failure to
- 17 file a statement of organization is sent, the committee files a
- 18 statement of organization.
- 19 (e) Within 10 business days after the notice of failure to
- 20 file a campaign statement is sent, the committee files every
- 21 campaign statement that is due.
- 22 (4) Late filing fees that would have occurred except for
- 23 subsection (3) shall be assessed for each statement not filed
- 24 before the eleventh business day after a notice of failure to
- 25 file is sent pursuant to subsection (3).
- 26 (5) A committee other than a candidate committee that has
- 27 not previously filed a statement of organization is not required

- 1 to pay a late filing fee pursuant to sections 24, 33, 34, and 35,
- 2 if the committee files a statement of organization and every
- 3 campaign statement that is due, before the secretary of state
- 4 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS sends a notice to that committee pursuant
- 5 to subsection (3).
- 6 Sec. 18. (1) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 7 shall develop and implement an electronic filing and internet
- 8 disclosure system that permits committees that are required to
- 9 file statements or reports under this act with the secretary of
- 10 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS to file those statements or reports
- 11 electronically and that provides internet disclosure of
- 12 electronically filed statements or reports on a website.
- 13 (2) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall offer
- 14 each committee required to file with the secretary of state
- 15 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS the option of filing campaign statements or
- 16 reports electronically, as described in subsection (1).
- 17 (3) Beginning with the annual campaign statement due January
- 18 31, 2004, each committee required to file with the secretary of
- 19 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS that received or expended \$20,000.00
- 20 or more in the preceding calendar year or expects to receive or
- 21 expend \$20,000.00 or more in the current calendar year shall
- 22 electronically file all statements and reports required under
- 23 this act, as described in subsection (1).
- 24 (4) If a committee was not required to file a campaign
- 25 statement under subsection (3) only because it did not meet the
- 26 applicable threshold of receiving or expending \$20,000.00 or
- 27 more, but the committee later reaches that threshold, the

- 1 committee shall notify the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 2 **ELECTIONS** within 10 business days after reaching that threshold
- 3 and shall subsequently file electronically all statements and
- 4 reports required under this act.
- 5 (5) The secretary of state—DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 6 permit a committee to electronically file statements and reports
- 7 required under this act, as described in subsection (1), except
- 8 an original statement of organization, after the committee
- 9 treasurer and, for a candidate committee, the candidate has
- 10 signed and filed a form designed by the secretary of state
- 11 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS to serve as the signature verifying the
- 12 accuracy and completeness of each statement or report filed
- 13 electronically.
- 14 Sec. 21. (1) A candidate, within 10 days after becoming a
- 15 candidate, shall form a candidate committee. A person who is a
- 16 candidate for more than 1 office shall form a candidate committee
- 17 for each office for which the person is a candidate, if at least
- 18 1 of the offices is a state elective office. A candidate shall
- 19 not form more than 1 candidate committee for each office for
- 20 which the person is a candidate.
- 21 (2) A candidate committee shall have a treasurer who is a
- 22 qualified elector of this state. A candidate may appoint himself
- 23 or herself as the candidate committee treasurer.
- 24 (3) A committee other than a candidate committee shall have
- 25 a treasurer who is a qualified elector of this state if the
- 26 committee conducts business through an office or other facility
- 27 located in this state.

- 1 (4) If a committee is not required to have as its treasurer
- 2 an individual who is a qualified elector of this state, the
- 3 committee may have as its treasurer an individual who is a
- 4 resident of another state. A committee with a nonresident
- 5 treasurer shall file, with its statement of organization, an
- 6 irrevocable written stipulation, signed by the treasurer,
- 7 agreeing that legal process affecting the committee, served on
- 8 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS or an agent
- 9 designated by the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, shall
- 10 have the same effect as if personally served on the committee.
- 11 This appointment shall remain in force as long as any liability
- 12 of the committee remains outstanding within this state.
- 13 (5) If the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS or
- 14 designated agent of the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 15 is served with legal process pursuant to subsection (4), the
- 16 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall promptly notify
- 17 the committee's treasurer by certified mail at the last known
- 18 address of the committee shown on the committee's statement of
- 19 organization.
- 20 (6) Except as provided by law, a candidate committee or a
- 21 committee described in subsection (3) shall have 1 account in a
- 22 financial institution in this state as an official depository for
- 23 the purpose of depositing all contributions received by the
- 24 committee in the form of or which are converted to money, checks,
- 25 or other negotiable instruments and for the purpose of making all
- 26 expenditures. The committee shall designate that financial
- 27 institution as its official depository. The establishment of an

- 1 account in a financial institution is not required until the
- 2 committee receives a contribution or makes an expenditure.
- 3 Secondary depositories shall be used for the sole purpose of
- 4 depositing contributions and promptly transferring the deposits
- 5 to the committee's official depository.
- 6 (7) Except as provided by law, a committee described in
- 7 subsection (4) shall have 1 account in a financial institution as
- 8 its official depository for the purpose of depositing all
- 9 contributions received by the committee in the form of or which
- 10 are converted to money, checks, or other negotiable instruments
- 11 and for the purpose of making all expenditures. The committee
- 12 shall designate that financial institution as its official
- 13 depository. The establishment of an account in a financial
- 14 institution is not required until the committee receives a
- 15 contribution or makes an expenditure. Secondary depositories
- 16 shall be used for the sole purpose of depositing contributions
- 17 and promptly transferring the deposits to the committee's
- 18 official depository.
- 19 (8) A contribution shall not be accepted and an expenditure
- 20 shall not be made by a committee that does not have a treasurer.
- 21 When the office of treasurer in a candidate committee is vacant,
- 22 the candidate shall be the treasurer until the candidate appoints
- 23 a new treasurer.
- 24 (9) An expenditure shall not be made by a committee without
- 25 the authorization of the treasurer or the treasurer's designee.
- 26 The contributions received or expenditures made by a candidate or
- 27 an agent of a candidate shall be considered received or made by

- 1 the candidate committee.
- 2 (10) Contributions received by an individual acting in
- 3 behalf of a committee shall be reported promptly to the
- 4 committee's treasurer not later than 5 days before the closing
- 5 date of any campaign statement required to be filed by the
- 6 committee, and shall be reported to the committee treasurer
- 7 immediately if the contribution is received less than 5 days
- 8 before the closing date.
- 9 (11) A contribution shall be considered received by a
- 10 committee when it is received by the committee treasurer or a
- 11 designated agent of the committee treasurer although the
- 12 contribution may not be deposited in the official depository by
- 13 the reporting deadline.
- 14 (12) Contributions received by a committee shall not be
- 15 commingled with other funds of an agent of the committee or of
- 16 any other person.
- 17 (13) A person who violates this section is subject to a
- 18 civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 19 Sec. 22. A committee treasurer or other individual
- 20 designated on the statement of organization as responsible for
- 21 the committee's record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 22 filing shall keep detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts
- 23 as required to substantiate the information contained in a
- 24 statement or report filed pursuant to this act or rules
- 25 promulgated under this act. The treasurer shall record the name
- 26 and address of a person from whom a contribution is received. The
- 27 records of a committee shall be preserved for 5 years and shall

- 1 be made available for inspection as authorized by the secretary
- 2 of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. A treasurer or other individual
- 3 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 4 report preparation, or report filing who knowingly violates this
- 5 section is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 6 Sec. 23. Subject to section 15, the secretary of state
- 7 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall promulgate rules for the withdrawal
- 8 of funds from a committee account for petty cash expenditures and
- 9 for keeping records of the withdrawals. A single expenditure from
- 10 a petty cash fund shall not exceed \$50.00. A person who violates
- 11 this section is subject to a civil fine of 3 times the amount by
- 12 which the expenditure exceeds \$50.00, but the fine shall not
- 13 exceed \$1,000.00.
- 14 Sec. 24. (1) A committee shall file a statement of
- 15 organization with the filing officials designated in section 36
- 16 to 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
- 19 organization filed by a committee until 5 years after the
- 20 official date of the committee's dissolution. A person who fails
- 21 to file a statement of organization required by this subsection
- 22 shall pay a late filing fee of \$10.00 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. A person who violates
- 25 this subsection by failing to file for more than 30 days after a
- 26 statement of organization is required to be filed is guilty of a
- 27 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

- 1 (2) The statement of organization required by subsection (1)
- 2 shall include the following information:
- 3 (a) The name, street address, and if available, the
- 4 telephone number of the committee. If a committee is a candidate
- 5 committee, the committee name shall include the first and last
- 6 name of the candidate. A committee address may be the home
- 7 address of the candidate or treasurer of the committee.
- 8 (b) The name, street address, and if available, the
- 9 telephone number of the treasurer or other individual designated
- 10 as responsible for the committee's record keeping, report
- 11 preparation, or report filing.
- 12 (c) The name and address of the financial institution in
- 13 which the official committee depository is or is intended to be
- 14 located, and the name and address of each financial institution
- 15 in which a secondary depository is or is intended to be located.
- 16 (d) The full name of the office being sought by, including
- 17 district number or jurisdiction, and the county residence of each
- 18 candidate supported or opposed by the committee.
- (e) A brief statement identifying the substance of each
- 20 ballot question supported or opposed by the committee. If the
- 21 ballot question supported or opposed by the committee is not
- 22 statewide, the committee shall identify the county in which the
- 23 greatest number of registered voters eligible to vote on the
- 24 ballot question reside.
- 25 (f) Identification of the committee as a candidate
- 26 committee, political party committee, independent committee,
- 27 political committee, or ballot question committee if it is

- 1 identifiable as such a committee.
- 2 (3) An independent committee or political committee shall
- 3 include in the name of the committee the name of the person or
- 4 persons that sponsor the committee, if any, or with whom the
- 5 committee is affiliated. A person, other than an individual or a
- 6 committee, sponsors or is affiliated with an independent
- 7 committee or political committee if that person establishes,
- 8 directs, controls, or financially supports the administration of
- 9 the committee. For the purposes of this subsection, a person does
- 10 not financially support the administration of a committee by
- 11 merely making a contribution to the committee.
- 12 (4) If any of the information required in a statement of
- 13 organization is changed, the committee shall file an amendment
- 14 when the next campaign statement is required to be filed. An
- 15 independent committee or political committee whose name does not
- 16 include the name of the person or persons that sponsor the
- 17 committee or with whom the committee is affiliated as required by
- 18 subsection (3) shall file an amendment to the committee's
- 19 statement of organization not later than the date the next
- 20 campaign statement is required to be filed after the effective
- 21 date of the amendatory act that added this sentence.
- 22 (5) When filing a statement of organization, a committee,
- 23 other than an independent committee, a political committee, or a
- 24 political party committee, may indicate in a written statement
- 25 signed by the treasurer of the committee that the committee does
- 26 not expect for each election to receive an amount in excess of
- 27 \$1,000.00 or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00.

- 1 (6) When filing a statement of organization, an independent
- 2 committee, a political committee, or a political party committee
- 3 may indicate in a written statement signed by the treasurer of
- 4 the committee that the committee does not expect in a calendar
- 5 year to receive or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00.
- 6 (7) Upon the dissolution of a committee, the committee shall
- 7 file a statement indicating dissolution with the filing officials
- 8 with whom the committee's statement of organization was filed.
- 9 Dissolution of a committee shall be accomplished pursuant to
- 10 rules promulgated by the secretary of state-DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 11 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
- 12 24.201 to 24.328.
- 13 (8) A candidate committee that files a written statement
- 14 pursuant to subsection (5) shall not be required to file a
- 15 dissolution statement pursuant to subsection (7) if the committee
- 16 failed to receive or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 and
- 17 1 of the following applies:
- 18 (a) The candidate was defeated in an election and has no
- 19 outstanding campaign debts or assets.
- 20 (b) The candidate vacates an elective office and has no
- 21 outstanding campaign debts or assets.
- 22 Sec. 26. (1) A campaign statement of a committee, other than
- 23 a political party committee, required by this act shall contain
- 24 all of the following information:
- 25 (a) The filing committee's name, address, and telephone
- 26 number, and the full name, residential and business addresses,
- 27 and telephone numbers of the committee treasurer or other

- 1 individual designated as responsible for the committee's record
- 2 keeping, report preparation, or report filing.
- 3 (b) Under the heading "receipts", the total amount of
- 4 contributions received during the period covered by the campaign
- 5 statement; under the heading "expenditures", the total amount of
- 6 expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign
- 7 statement; and the cumulative amount of those totals. Forgiveness
- 8 of a loan shall not be included in the totals. Payment of a loan
- 9 by a third party shall be recorded and reported as an in-kind
- 10 contribution by the third party. In-kind contributions or
- 11 expenditures shall be listed at fair market value and shall be
- 12 reported as both contributions and expenditures. A contribution
- 13 or expenditure that is by other than completed and accepted
- 14 payment, gift, or other transfer, that is clearly not legally
- 15 enforceable, and that is expressly withdrawn or rejected and
- 16 returned before a campaign statement closing date need not be
- 17 included in the campaign statement and if included may, in a
- 18 later or amended statement, be shown as a deduction, but the
- 19 committee shall keep adequate records of each instance.
- 20 (c) The balance of cash on hand at the beginning and the end
- 21 of the period covered by the campaign statement.
- 22 (d) The following information regarding each fund-raising
- 23 event shall be included in the report:
- 24 (i) The type of event, date held, address and name, if any,
- 25 of the place where the activity was held, and approximate number
- 26 of individuals participating or in attendance.
- 27 (ii) The total amount of all contributions.

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

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

- 1 election day busing of electors to the polls, get-out-the-vote
- 2 activities, slate cards, challengers, poll watchers, and poll
- 3 workers.
- 4 (4) For a reporting period in which a contribution is
- 5 received that is to be part of a bundled contribution or a
- 6 reporting period in which a bundled contribution is delivered to
- 7 the candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective
- 8 office, a bundling committee shall report to the secretary of
- 9 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, on a form provided by the secretary
- 10 of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, all of the following information,
- 11 as applicable, about each contribution received or delivered as
- 12 part of a bundled contribution, and about each bundled
- 13 contribution delivered, in the reporting period:
- 14 (a) The amount of each contribution, the date it was
- 15 received by the bundling committee, and the candidate for
- 16 statewide elective office whom the contributor designated as the
- 17 intended recipient.
- (b) Each contributor's name and address and, for each
- 19 contribution exceeding \$100.00, the contributor's occupation,
- 20 employer, and principal place of business.
- 21 (c) The date each contribution is delivered to the
- 22 candidate's statewide elective office candidate committee.
- 23 (d) The total amount of bundled contributions delivered to
- 24 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during
- 25 the election cycle.
- 26 (5) With its delivery of a bundled contribution to the
- 27 candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective office,

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

- 1 (b) Each contributor's name and address and, for each
- 2 contribution exceeding \$100.00, the contributor's occupation,
- 3 employer, and principal place of business.
- 4 (c) The total amount of bundled contributions received by
- 5 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during
- 6 the election cycle.
- 7 Sec. 30. (1) A committee shall not knowingly maintain
- 8 receipt of a contribution from a person prohibited from making a
- 9 contribution during the prohibited period under section 7b of the
- 10 Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of
- 11 1996, MCL 432.207b.
- 12 (2) For purposes of this section, a committee is only
- 13 considered to have knowingly maintained receipt of a contribution
- 14 prohibited under subsection (1) and is subject to a penalty for
- 15 that violation if both of the following circumstances exist:
- 16 (a) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS has, by
- 17 registered mail, notified the committee that the committee has
- 18 received a contribution in violation of this section and has
- 19 specifically identified that contribution.
- 20 (b) The committee fails to return the contribution
- 21 identified under subdivision (a) on or before the thirtieth
- 22 business day after the date the committee receives the
- 23 notification described in subdivision (a).
- Sec. 33. (1) A committee, other than an independent
- 25 committee or a political committee required to file with the
- 26 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, supporting or opposing
- 27 a candidate shall file complete campaign statements as required

- 1 by this act and the rules promulgated under this act. The
- 2 campaign statements shall be filed according to the following
- 3 schedule NOT LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES EVERY YEAR:
- 4 (a) A preelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 5 later than the eleventh day before an election. The closing date
- 6 for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall be
- 7 the sixteenth day before the election.
- 8 (b) A postelection campaign statement shall be filed not
- 9 later than the thirtieth day following the election. The closing
- 10 date for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall
- 11 be the twentieth day following the election. A committee
- 12 supporting a candidate who loses the primary election shall file
- 13 closing campaign statements in accordance with this section. If
- 14 all liabilities of such a candidate or committee are paid before
- 15 the closing date and additional contributions are not expected,
- 16 the campaign statement may be filed at any time after the
- 17 election, but not later than the thirtieth day following the
- 18 election.
- 19 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1):
- 20 (a) A candidate committee shall file a preelection campaign
- 21 statement and a postelection campaign statement for each election
- 22 in which the candidate seeks nomination or election, except if an
- 23 individual becomes a candidate after the closing date for the
- 24 preelection campaign statement only the postelection campaign
- 25 statement is required for that election.
- 26 (A) APRIL 30 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF MARCH 31.
- 27 (B) JULY 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 30.

- 1 (C) OCTOBER 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30.
- 2 (2) (b) A committee other than a candidate committee shall
- 3 file a campaign statement AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) for each
- 4 period during which expenditures are made for the purpose of
- 5 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or for the
- 6 qualification, passage, or 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 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall file campaign statements as
- 11 required by this act according to the following schedule NOT
- 12 LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES EVERY YEAR:
- 13 (a) In an odd numbered year:
- 14 (i) Not later than January 31 of that year with a closing
- 15 date of December 31 of the previous year.
- 16 (ii) Not later than July 25 with a closing date of July 20.
- 17 (iii) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of October
- 18 20.
- 19 (b) In an even numbered year:
- 20 (A) (i) Not later than April 25 of that year 30 with a
- 21 closing date of April 20 of that year MARCH 31.
- 22 (B) (ii) Not later than July 25-31 with a closing date of
- 23 July 20 June 30.
- 24 (C) (iii) Not later than October 25-31 with a closing date of
- 25 October 20 SEPTEMBER 30.
- 26 (4) A house political party caucus committee or a senate
- 27 political party caucus committee required to file with the

- 1 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall file campaign
- 2 statements as required by this act according to the following
- 3 schedule NOT LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES EVERY YEAR:
- 4 (a) Not later than January 31 of each year with a closing
- 5 date of December 31 of the immediately preceding year.
- 6 (b) Not later than April 25 of each year 30 with a closing
- 7 date of April 20 of that year MARCH 31.
- 8 (c) Not later than July 25 of each year 31 with a closing
- 9 date of July 20 of that year JUNE 30.
- 10 (d) Not later than October 25 of each year 31 with a closing
- 11 date of October 20 of that year SEPTEMBER 30.
- 12 (e) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day
- 13 immediately preceding a primary or special primary election and
- 14 ending on the day immediately following the primary or special
- 15 primary election, not later than 4 p.m. each business day with a
- 16 closing date of the immediately preceding day, only for a
- 17 contribution received or expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00
- 18 per day.
- (f) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day
- 20 immediately preceding a general or special election and ending on
- 21 the day immediately following the general or special election,
- 22 not later than 4 p.m. each business day with a closing date of
- 23 the immediately preceding day, only for a contribution received
- 24 or expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00 per day.
- 25 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) or (4) or section 51, if
- 26 an independent expenditure is made within 45 days before a
- 27 special election by an independent committee or a political

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

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

- 1 (10) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 2 responsible for a committee's record keeping, report preparation,
- 3 or report filing knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate
- 4 statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or
- 5 other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not
- 6 more than \$1,000.00.
- 7 Sec. 34. (1) A ballot question committee shall file a
- 8 campaign statement as required by this act according to the
- 9 following schedule NOT LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES EVERY YEAR:
- 10 (a) A preelection campaign statement, the closing date of
- 11 which shall be the sixteenth day before the election, shall not
- 12 be filed later than the eleventh day before the election.
- 13 (b) A postelection campaign statement, the closing date of
- 14 which shall be the twentieth day following the election, shall
- 15 not be filed later than the thirtieth day following an election.
- 16 If all liabilities of the committee are paid before the closing
- 17 date and additional contributions are not expected, the campaign
- 18 statement may be filed at any time after the election, but not
- 19 later than the thirtieth day following the election.
- 20 (A) APRIL 30 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF MARCH 31.
- 21 (B) JULY 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 30.
- 22 (C) OCTOBER 31 WITH A CLOSING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30.
- 23 (2) A ballot question committee supporting or opposing a
- 24 statewide ballot question shall file a campaign statement, of
- 25 which the closing date shall be the twenty-eighth day after the
- 26 qualification of the measure, not later than 35 days after the
- 27 ballot question is qualified for the ballot. If the ballot

- 1 question fails to qualify for the ballot, the ballot question
- 2 committee shall file the campaign statement within 35 days after
- 3 the final deadline for qualifying, the closing date of which
- 4 shall be the twenty-eighth day after the deadline.
- 5 (3) If a ballot question committee supporting or opposing a
- 6 statewide ballot question fails to file a preelection statement
- 7 under this section SUBSECTION (1) (C) IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE
- 8 BALLOT QUESTION APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, that committee or its
- 9 treasurer shall pay a late filing fee for each business day the
- 10 statement remains not filed in violation of this section, not to
- 11 exceed \$1,000.00, pursuant to the following schedule:
- 12 (a) First day--\$25.00.
- 13 (b) Second day--\$50.00.
- 14 (c) Third day--\$75.00.
- 15 (d) Fourth day and for each subsequent day that the
- 16 statement remains unfiled--\$100.00.
- 17 (4) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 18 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 19 filing of a ballot question committee supporting or opposing a
- 20 statewide ballot question fails to file a statement, other than a
- 21 preelection statement DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3), under this
- 22 section, that committee, treasurer, or other designated
- 23 individual shall pay a late filing fee. If the committee has
- 24 raised \$10,000.00 or less during the previous 2 years, the late
- 25 filing fee shall be \$25.00 for each business day the campaign
- 26 statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$1,000.00. If the
- 27 committee has raised more than \$10,000.00 during the previous 2

- 1 years, the late filing fee shall be \$50.00 for each business day
- 2 the campaign statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed
- 3 \$2,000.00.
- 4 (5) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 5 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 6 filing of a ballot question committee supporting or opposing
- 7 other than a statewide ballot question fails to file a statement
- 8 under this section, that committee, treasurer, or other
- 9 designated individual shall pay a late filing fee. If the
- 10 committee has raised \$10,000.00 or less during the previous 2
- 11 years, the late filing fee shall be \$25.00 for each business day
- 12 the campaign statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed
- 13 \$1,000.00. If the committee has raised more than \$10,000.00
- 14 during the previous 2 years, the late filing fee shall be \$50.00
- 15 for each business day the campaign statement remains unfiled, but
- 16 not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- 17 (6) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 18 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 19 filing of a ballot question committee fails to file a statement
- 20 as required by subsection (1) or (2) for more than 7 days, that
- 21 treasurer or other designated individual is guilty of a
- 22 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or
- 23 imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 24 (7) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 25 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 26 filing of a ballot question committee knowingly files an
- 27 incomplete or inaccurate statement or report required by this

- 1 section, that treasurer or other designated individual is subject
- 2 to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 3 Sec. 35. (1) In addition to any other requirements of this
- 4 act for filing a campaign statement, a committee , other than an
- 5 independent committee or a political committee required to file
- 6 with the secretary of state, shall also file a campaign statement
- 7 not later than January 31 of each year. The campaign statement
- 8 shall have a closing date of December 31 of the previous year.
- 9 The period covered by the campaign statement filed pursuant to
- 10 this subsection begins the day after the closing date of the
- 11 previous campaign statement. A campaign statement filed pursuant
- 12 to this subsection shall be waived if a postelection campaign
- 13 statement has been filed that has a filing deadline within 30
- 14 days of the closing date of the campaign statement required by
- 15 this subsection.
- 16 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a candidate committee
- 17 for an officeholder who is a judge or a supreme court justice, or
- 18 who holds an elective office for which the salary is less than
- 19 \$100.00 a month and who does not receive any contribution or make
- 20 any expenditure during the time that would be otherwise covered
- 21 in the statement.
- 22 (3) A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 23 designated as responsible for the record keeping, report
- 24 preparation, or report filing for a candidate committee of a
- 25 candidate for state elective office or a judicial office who
- 26 fails to file a campaign statement under this section shall be
- 27 assessed a late filing fee. If the committee has raised

- 1 \$10,000.00 or less during the previous 2 years, the late filing
- 2 fee shall be \$25.00 for each business day the campaign statement
- 3 remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$500.00. If the committee has
- 4 raised more than \$10,000.00 during the previous 2 years, the late
- 5 filing fee shall be \$50.00 for each business day the campaign
- 6 statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$1,000.00. The late
- 7 filing fee assessed under this subsection shall be paid by the
- 8 candidate, and the candidate shall not use committee funds to pay
- 9 that fee. A committee, treasurer, or other individual designated
- 10 as responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or
- 11 report filing for a committee other than 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 pay a
- 14 late filing fee of \$25.00 for each business day the campaign
- 15 statement remains not filed in violation of this section. The
- 16 late filing fee shall not exceed \$500.00.
- 17 (4) A committee filing a written statement pursuant to UNDER
- 18 section 24(5) or (6) need not IS NOT REQUIRED TO file a statement
- 19 in accordance with UNDER subsection (1). If a committee receives
- 20 or expends more than \$1,000.00 during a time period prescribed by
- 21 section 24(5) or (6), the committee is then subject to the
- 22 campaign filing requirements under this act and shall file a
- 23 campaign statement for the period beginning the day after the
- 24 closing date of the last postelection campaign statement. or an
- 25 annual campaign statement that is waived pursuant to subsection
- 26 (1), whichever occurred earlier.
- **27** (5) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual

- 1 designated as responsible for the record keeping, report
- 2 preparation, or report filing fails to file 2 statements required
- 3 by this section or section 33 and both of the statements remain
- 4 unfiled for more than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer, or
- 5 other designated individual is guilty of a misdemeanor,
- 6 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment
- 7 for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 8 (6) If a treasurer or other individual designated as
- 9 responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report
- 10 filing for a committee required to file a campaign statement
- 11 under subsection (1) knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate
- 12 statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or
- 13 other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not
- 14 more than \$1,000.00.
- 15 Sec. 36. (1) A candidate committee for a state elective
- 16 office or a judicial office shall file a copy of the campaign
- 17 statement required under this act with the secretary of state
- 18 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 19 ELECTIONS shall reproduce the copy and transmit the reproduction
- 20 to the clerk of the county of residence of the candidate.
- 21 (2) A ballot question committee supporting or opposing a
- 22 statewide ballot question shall file a copy of the campaign
- 23 statement required under this act with the secretary of state
- 24 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS and with the clerk of the most populous
- 25 county in the state. A ballot question committee supporting or
- 26 opposing a ballot question to be voted upon in more than 1
- 27 county, but not statewide, shall file a copy of the campaign

- 1 statement required under this act with the clerk of the county in
- 2 which the greatest number of registered voters eligible to vote
- 3 on the ballot question reside. A ballot question committee
- 4 supporting or opposing a ballot question to be voted upon within
- 5 a single county shall file a copy of the campaign statement
- 6 required under this act only with the clerk of that county.
- 7 (3) A political party committee shall file a copy of the
- 8 campaign statement required under this act with the secretary of
- 9 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 10 ELECTIONS shall reproduce a copy of the campaign statement of a
- 11 political party committee that is a county committee and file the
- 12 copy with the clerk of the county where the county committee
- 13 operates.
- 14 (4) A committee supporting or opposing a candidate for local
- 15 elective office, if the office is to be voted on in more than 1
- 16 county but not statewide, shall file a copy of the campaign
- 17 statement required under this act with the clerk of the county in
- 18 which the greatest number of registered voters eligible to vote
- 19 on the office reside.
- 20 (5) A committee not covered under subsection SUBSECTIONS (1)
- 21 $\frac{(2)}{(3)}$, or TO (4) shall file a copy of the campaign statement
- 22 required under this act with the secretary of state, except that
- 23 a committee reporting contributions or expenditures for a
- 24 candidate within only 1 county shall file a statement only with
- 25 the clerk of that county DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS.
- 26 (6) A local unit of government that receives copies of
- 27 campaign statements under this section shall make the statements

- 1 available for public inspection and reproduction during regular
- 2 business hours of the local unit of government. The local unit of
- 3 government shall make the statements available as soon as
- 4 practicable after receipt, but not later than the third business
- 5 day following the day on which they are received.
- 6 SEC. 43A. (1) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT PAY THE
- 7 CANDIDATE, AND A CANDIDATE SHALL NOT RECEIVE FROM HIS OR HER
- 8 CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, WAGES, A SALARY, OR OTHER EMPLOYMENT
- 9 COMPENSATION.
- 10 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS
- 11 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE
- 12 THAN 90 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH. A
- 13 COMMITTEE THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT
- 14 MORE THAN \$10,000.00.
- 15 Sec. 46. At the beginning of every odd numbered year, the
- 16 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall recommend
- 17 adjustments to, and which shall be approved by the legislature,
- 18 of—the dollar value contribution limits provided in this act
- 19 CHAPTER, together with the dollar value floor for reporting of
- 20 the name, address, occupation, and employer, or principal place
- 21 of business of persons who make contributions pursuant to this
- 22 chapter ACT, on the basis of the United States department of
- 23 commerce's consumer price index and the number of registered
- 24 voters in the state.
- 25 Sec. 47. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
- 26 and subject to subsections (3) and (4), a billboard, placard,
- 27 poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter having reference to an

- 1 election, a candidate, or a ballot question, shall bear upon it
- 2 the name and address of the person paying for the matter. Except
- 3 as otherwise provided in this subsection and subject to
- 4 subsections (3) and (4), if the printed matter relating to a
- 5 candidate is an independent expenditure that is not authorized in
- 6 writing by the candidate committee of that candidate, the printed
- 7 matter shall contain the following disclaimer: "Not authorized by
- 8 any candidate committee". An individual other than a candidate is
- 9 not subject to this subsection if the individual is acting
- 10 independently and not acting as an agent for a candidate or any
- 11 committee.
- 12 (2) A radio or television paid advertisement having
- 13 reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question shall
- 14 identify the sponsoring person as required by the federal
- 15 communications commission, shall bear the name of the person
- 16 paying for the advertisement, and shall be in compliance with
- 17 subsection (3) and with the following:
- 18 (a) If the radio or television paid advertisement relates to
- 19 a candidate and is an independent expenditure, the advertisement
- 20 shall contain the following disclaimer: "Not authorized by any
- 21 candidate".
- 22 (b) If the radio or television paid advertisement relates to
- 23 a candidate and is not an independent expenditure but is paid for
- 24 by a person other than the candidate to which it is related, the
- 25 advertisement shall contain the following disclaimer:

26 — "Authorized by".

27 — (name of candidate or name of candidate committee)

1 "I AM ______ AND I APPROVE THIS MESSAGE.". 2 (NAME OF CANDIDATE)

- 3 (3) The size and placement of an identification or
- 4 disclaimer required by this section shall be determined by rules
- 5 promulgated by the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. The
- 6 rules may exempt printed matter and certain other items such as
- 7 campaign buttons or balloons, the size of which makes it
- 8 unreasonable to add an identification or disclaimer, from the
- 9 identification or disclaimer required by this section.
- 10 (4) Except for a candidate committee's printed matter or
- 11 radio or television paid advertisements, each identification or
- 12 disclaimer required by this section shall also indicate that the
- 13 printed matter or radio or television paid advertisement is paid
- 14 for "with regulated funds". Printed matter or a radio or
- 15 television paid advertisement that is not subject to this act
- 16 shall not bear the statement required by this subsection.
- 17 (5) A person who knowingly violates this section is quilty
- 18 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00,
- 19 or imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or both.
- 20 SEC. 48. (1) A COMMUNICATION ADVOCATING THE ELECTION OR
- 21 DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE THAT IS DESIGNED TO CONTACT ELECTORS
- 22 THROUGH AUTOMATED TELEPHONIC, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR OTHER
- 23 ELECTRONIC MEANS AND TO WHICH SECTION 47 DOES NOT APPLY SHALL
- 24 CLEARLY STATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON PAYING FOR THE
- 25 COMMUNICATION.
- 26 (2) IF THE COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)

- 1 ADVOCATES THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE AND IS AN
- 2 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE NOT AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THAT
- 3 CANDIDATE'S CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, THE COMMUNICATION SHALL ALSO
- 4 CLEARLY STATE THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER: "NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY
- 5 CANDIDATE COMMITTEE.". IF THE COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN
- 6 SUBSECTION (1) ADVOCATES THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE
- 7 AND IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE, BUT IS PAID FOR BY A
- 8 PERSON OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE WHOM IT ADVOCATES THE ELECTION OR
- 9 DEFEAT OF, THE COMMUNICATION SHALL ALSO CLEARLY STATE THE
- 10 FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER:
- 11 "AUTHORIZED BY ".
- 12 (NAME OF CANDIDATE OR NAME OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEE)
- 13 (3) A TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)
- 14 SHALL STATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON PAYING FOR THE COMMUNICATION
- 15 AND ANY DISCLAIMERS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) AT THE
- 16 BEGINNING OF THE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION. A TELEPHONIC
- 17 COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE
- 18 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 P.M. AND 9 A.M.
- 19 (4) FOR A VISUAL COMMUNICATION GOVERNED BY THIS SECTION, THE
- 20 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROMULGATE RULES REGULATING THE SIZE
- 21 AND PLACEMENT OF AN IDENTIFICATION OR DISCLAIMER REQUIRED BY THIS
- 22 SECTION.
- 23 (5) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
- 24 OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90
- 25 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00, OR BOTH.
- 26 Sec. 50. A legislator AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS STATE ELECTIVE

- 1 OFFICE shall not accept an honorarium. A person AN INDIVIDUAL who
- 2 knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
- 3 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment
- 4 for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 5 Sec. 51. A person, other than a committee, who makes an
- 6 independent expenditure, advocating the election of a candidate
- 7 or the defeat of a candidate's opponents or the qualification,
- 8 passage, or defeat of a ballot question, in an amount of \$100.01
- 9 or more in a calendar year shall file a report of the independent
- 10 expenditure, within 10 days, with the clerk of the county of
- 11 residence of that person. The report shall be made on an
- 12 independent expenditure report form provided by the secretary of
- 13 state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS and shall include the date of the
- 14 expenditure, a brief description of the nature of the
- 15 expenditure, the amount, the name and address of the person to
- 16 whom it was paid, the name and address of the person filing the
- 17 report, together with the name, address, occupation, employer,
- 18 and principal place of business of each person who contributed
- 19 \$100.01 or more to the expenditure. The filing official receiving
- 20 the report shall forward copies, as required, to the appropriate
- 21 filing officers as described in section 36.
- 22 Sec. 55. (1) A corporation organized on a for profit or
- 23 nonprofit basis, a joint stock company, a domestic dependent
- 24 sovereign, or a labor organization formed under the laws of this
- 25 or another state or foreign country may make an expenditure for
- 26 the establishment and administration and solicitation of
- 27 contributions to a separate segregated fund to be used for

- 1 political purposes. A separate segregated fund established under
- 2 this section shall be limited to making contributions to, and
- 3 expenditures on behalf of, candidate committees, ballot question
- 4 committees, political party committees, political committees, and
- 5 independent committees.
- 6 (2) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 7 by a corporation, organized on a for profit basis, or a joint
- 8 stock company under this section may be solicited from any of the
- 9 following persons or their spouses IMMEDIATE FAMILY:
- (a) Stockholders of the corporation or company.
- 11 (b) Officers and directors of the corporation or company.
- 12 (c) Employees of the corporation or company who have policy
- 13 making, managerial, professional, supervisory, or administrative
- 14 nonclerical responsibilities.
- 15 (3) Contributions for a separate segregated fund established
- 16 under this section by a corporation organized on a nonprofit
- 17 basis may be solicited from any of the following persons or their
- 18 spouses IMMEDIATE FAMILY:
- (a) Members of the corporation who are individuals.
- 20 (b) Stockholders of members of the corporation.
- (c) Officers or directors of members of the corporation.
- 22 (d) Employees of the members of the corporation who have
- 23 policy making, managerial, professional, supervisory, or
- 24 administrative nonclerical responsibilities.
- (e) Employees of the corporation who have policy making,
- 26 managerial, professional, supervisory, or administrative
- 27 nonclerical responsibilities.

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

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

- 1 apply to any of the following:
- 2 (a) The expression of views by an elected or appointed
- 3 public official who has policy making responsibilities.
- 4 (b) The production or dissemination of factual information
- 5 concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body.
- 6 (c) The production or dissemination of debates, interviews,
- 7 commentary, or information by a broadcasting station, newspaper,
- 8 magazine, or other periodical or publication in the regular
- 9 course of broadcasting or publication.
- (d) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 11 behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an
- 12 equal opportunity to use the public facility.
- 13 (e) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 14 behalf of, a public body if that facility is primarily used as a
- 15 family dwelling and is not used to conduct a fund-raising event.
- 16 (f) An elected or appointed public official or an employee
- 17 of a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on
- 18 his or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own
- 19 personal views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is
- 20 providing his or her own personal volunteer services.
- 21 (G) THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES TO PERMIT A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE,
- 22 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES,
- 23 TO CONTRIBUTE TO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S
- 24 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION.
- 25 (2) 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 1 year, or both, or if the person is not an individual, by 1 of
- 2 the following, whichever is greater:
- 3 (a) A fine of not more than \$20,000.00.
- 4 (b) A fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution
- 5 or expenditure.
- 6 SEC. 57A. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), A CANDIDATE OR
- 7 PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF A CANDIDATE SHALL NOT SOLICIT OR
- 8 ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION IN A FACILITY OWNED OR LEASED BY, OR ON
- 9 BEHALF OF, THIS STATE, A PUBLIC BODY, OR A DIVISION OR AGENCY OF
- 10 THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THIS STATE.
- 11 (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A CONTRIBUTION
- 12 SOLICITED OR ACCEPTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 13 (A) A PUBLIC FACILITY OWNED OR LEASED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A
- 14 PUBLIC BODY IF THAT FACILITY IS PRIMARILY USED AS A FAMILY
- 15 DWELLING AND IS NOT USED TO CONDUCT A FUND-RAISING EVENT.
- 16 (B) A PUBLIC FACILITY OWNED OR LEASED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A
- 17 PUBLIC BODY IF ANY CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE HAS AN EQUAL
- 18 OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE PUBLIC FACILITY.
- 19 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
- 20 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS
- 21 OR A FINE EQUAL TO THE GREATER OF \$1,000.00 OR THE AMOUNT OF THE
- 22 IMPROPER SOLICITATION OR CONTRIBUTION, OR BOTH IMPRISONMENT AND A
- 23 FINE.
- 24 Sec. 63. (1) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 25 shall receive and keep a record of each candidate's certified
- 26 statements of qualifying contributions. A statement shall include
- 27 in alphabetical order the full name and street address of each

- 1 person from whom a qualifying contribution is received during the
- 2 reporting period, together with the amount of each contribution
- 3 and the date received by the treasurer of the committee.
- 4 (2) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 5 promptly notify a candidate for nomination for governor when that
- 6 candidate qualifies under this act to receive moneys MONEY from
- 7 the state campaign fund.
- 8 (3) If a candidate desires to receive moneys MONEY from the
- 9 state campaign fund and received notice of qualification for
- 10 funding under subsection (2), the candidate shall apply to the
- 11 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. The candidate shall
- 12 state the amount of moneys MONEY desired from the state campaign
- 13 fund in the application. The candidate shall state in the
- 14 application for state campaign fund money that the candidate and
- 15 the candidate's committee agree to adhere to expenditure
- 16 limitations stated in section 67.
- 17 (4) The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall
- 18 determine the maximum amount for which the candidate qualifies
- 19 under this act. The secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 20 shall forward information as to this amount and the application
- 21 for funding to the state treasurer.
- 22 (5) The state treasurer shall issue a warrant drawn on the
- 23 state campaign fund for an amount equal to the maximum amount
- 24 which the candidate is qualified to receive or the amount applied
- 25 for, whichever is less. The warrant shall not be issued before
- 26 January 1 of the year in which the election for governor is to be
- **27** held.

- 1 Sec. 64. (1) A candidate in a primary election may obtain
- 2 funds from the state campaign fund in an amount equal to \$2.00
- 3 for each \$1.00 of qualifying contribution if the candidate
- 4 certifies to the secretary of state-DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS both of
- 5 the following:
- 6 (a) That the candidate committee of the candidate received
- 7 \$75,000.00 or more of qualifying contributions.
- 8 (b) That the full name and address of each person making a
- 9 qualifying contribution is recorded by the candidate committee of
- 10 the candidate certifying. This requirement is in addition to and
- 11 not in lieu of any other requirements relating to the recording
- 12 and reporting of contributions.
- 13 (2) A candidate is not entitled to funds MONEY from the
- 14 state campaign fund for a primary election if it is determined
- 15 the name of the candidate is ineligible to appear on the primary
- 16 election ballot pursuant to section 53 of the Michigan election
- 17 law, Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being
- 18 section 168.53 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1954 PA 116, MCL
- 19 168.53. A candidate who does not file nominating petitions for
- 20 the office of governor or who files an insufficient petition for
- 21 that office shall return all funds MONEY received from the state
- 22 campaign fund for that primary election.
- 23 (3) A candidate shall not receive from the state campaign
- 24 fund for a primary more than \$990,000.00.
- 25 (4) For purposes of AS USED IN this section, "primary
- 26 election" is MEANS the election described in section 52 of Act
- 27 No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being section

- 1 168.52 of the Michigan Compiled Laws THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW,
- 2 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.52.
- 3 Sec. 65. (1) A major political party nominee is entitled to
- 4 an amount from the state campaign fund of not more than
- 5 \$1,125,000.00 for a general election. A candidate, subject to
- 6 law, may raise the remaining amount of the permissible
- 7 expenditure limit in private contributions. An eligible candidate
- 8 in a general election may elect to accept partial payment of
- 9 money from the state campaign fund and instead raise private
- 10 contributions as provided by law that, when added to the amount
- 11 received from the state campaign fund, do not exceed the
- 12 expenditure limit designated in section 67.
- 13 (2) A minor political party nominee whose party received 5%
- 14 or more of the vote for the same office in the last election is
- 15 entitled to an amount from the state campaign fund of not more
- 16 than \$1,125,000.00, multiplied by the number of popular votes the
- 17 minor party received in the preceding general election for
- 18 governor and then divided by the average number of votes the
- 19 major parties received in that general election for governor.
- 20 (3) A minor political party nominee not eligible under
- 21 subsection (2) but who receives more than 5% of the vote in that
- 22 general election for governor is entitled to reimbursement from
- 23 the state campaign fund in an amount of not more than
- 24 \$1,125,000.00, multiplied by the number of popular votes the
- 25 minor party received in the preceding general election for
- 26 governor and then divided by the average number of votes the
- 27 major parties received in that general election for governor.

- 1 (4) A minor political party nominee qualified under
- 2 subsection (2) who receives more popular votes in an election
- 3 than the candidate of that minor political party received at the
- 4 preceding election is entitled to additional reimbursement from
- 5 the state campaign fund in an amount determined as follows:
- 6 (a) Compute the amount that the candidate would have
- 7 received under subsection (3) had the candidate otherwise
- 8 qualified.
- 9 (b) Subtract the amount received under subsection (2) from
- 10 the amount computed under subdivision (a).
- 11 (5) A candidate listed on the ballot in the general election
- 12 is entitled to \$1.00 for each \$1.00 of qualifying contributions
- 13 certified to the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 14 pursuant to this act up to \$750,000.00, if the candidate has
- 15 certified to the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
- 16 \$75,000.00 or more in qualifying contributions. A candidate who
- 17 chooses to receive any public funds under this subsection shall
- 18 not receive any money under subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4).
- 19 (6) A major political party nominee shall receive from the
- 20 state treasurer \$56,250.00 of the funds that the candidate may be
- 21 entitled to under this section not later than 10 days after the
- 22 primary election, unless there is less than a 2% difference in
- 23 vote totals of the top 2 primary election candidates of the same
- 24 political party according to unofficial vote totals available to
- 25 the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. The balance of any
- 26 funds owed to a major political party nominee under this section
- 27 shall be payable by the state treasurer within 3 days after the

- 1 board of state canvassers' certification of the primary election
- 2 results, but not later than 30 days after the primary election.
- 3 Any funds paid to a major political party nominee under this
- 4 section either erroneously or based on election results that are
- 5 reversed due to a recount or fraud shall be repaid by that major
- 6 political party nominee to the state treasurer within 60 days of
- 7 receipt of notification by certified mail from the state
- 8 treasurer.
- 9 Sec. 67. (1) Expenditures made by a candidate committee to
- 10 further the nomination or election of a candidate may not exceed
- 11 \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate for 1 election. An expenditure by
- 12 a candidate committee for an incidental expense under section 21a
- 13 is not considered an expenditure for the purposes of the
- 14 expenditure limitations set forth in this subsection.
- 15 (2) An expenditure by a candidate committee to purchase
- 16 space in a newspaper or other periodical or time on radio or
- 17 television for the purpose of responding to an editorial in the
- 18 same newspaper or periodical or on the same station or channel
- 19 that was unfavorable to the committee's candidate or that
- 20 endorsed the candidate's opponent is not considered an
- 21 expenditure for the purposes of the expenditure limitations set
- 22 forth in subsection (1). This subsection only applies to 1
- 23 response made to a particular editorial, unfavorable report, or
- 24 endorsement of an opponent and does not apply unless the
- 25 candidate is refused free space or time in which to answer.
- 26 (3) A person who knowingly violates subsection (1) is guilty
- 27 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00,

- 1 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 2 (4) If a person who is subject to this section is found
- 3 guilty, the circuit court, on application by the attorney general
- 4 OR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THAT COUNTY, may prohibit that
- 5 person from assuming the duties of a public office or from
- 6 receiving compensation from public funds, or both.
- 7 Sec. 68. (1) A debt for goods, services, materials,
- 8 facilities, or anything of value in furtherance of, or in
- 9 opposition to, the nomination for, or election to, office of a
- 10 candidate shall not be incurred by a person which, when paid,
- 11 will cause the expenditures of that candidate or person to exceed
- 12 any limit imposed by this act. A person who knowingly violates
- 13 this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished
- 14 by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned for not more
- 15 than 90 days, or both.
- 16 (2) If a person who is subject to this section is found
- 17 guilty, the circuit court of that county, on application by the
- 18 attorney general OR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THAT COUNTY, may
- 19 prohibit that person from assuming the duties of a public office
- 20 or from receiving compensation from public funds, or both.
- 21 Sec. 69. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) or (10), a
- 22 person other than an independent committee or a political party
- 23 committee shall not make contributions to a candidate committee
- 24 of a candidate that are more than \$3,400.00 in value for an
- 25 election cycle.
- 26 (2) Except as provided in subsection (11), an independent
- 27 committee shall not make contributions to a candidate committee

- 1 that for an election cycle are more than 10 times the amount
- 2 permitted a person other than an independent committee or
- 3 political party committee in subsection (1).
- 4 (3) A political party committee that is a state central
- 5 committee shall not make contributions to a candidate committee
- 6 that for an election cycle are more than \$750,000.00.
- 7 (4) A political party committee that is a congressional
- 8 district or county committee shall not make contributions to a
- 9 candidate committee that for an election cycle are more than
- **10** \$30,000.00.
- 11 (5) A candidate committee, a candidate, or a treasurer or
- 12 agent shall not accept a contribution with respect to an election
- 13 cycle that exceeds a limitation in subsections (1) to (4), or
- **14** (10).
- 15 (6) As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means a
- 16 spouse, parent, brother, sister, son, or daughter. A candidate
- 17 and members of that candidate's immediate family may not
- 18 contribute in total to that person's candidate committee an
- 19 amount that is more than \$50,000.00 in value for an election
- 20 cycle.
- 21 (7) Sections 5(3) and 52(6) apply to determining when an
- 22 election cycle begins and ends and to which election cycle a
- 23 particular contribution is attributed.
- 24 (8) The candidate committee of a candidate for governor that
- 25 does not apply for funds MONEY from the state campaign fund and
- 26 that accepts from the candidate and the candidate's immediate
- 27 family contributions that total for an election cycle more than

- 1 \$340,000.00 shall notify the secretary of state DIRECTOR OF
- 2 ELECTIONS in writing within 48 hours after receipt of this
- 3 amount. Within 2 business days after receipt of this notice, the
- 4 secretary of state DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS shall send notice to all
- 5 candidates who are either seeking the same nomination, in the
- 6 case of a primary election, or election to that same office, in
- 7 the case of a general election, informing those candidate
- 8 committees of all of the following:
- 9 (a) That the expenditure limits provided in section 67 are
- 10 waived for the remainder of that election for those notified
- 11 candidate committees that receive funds MONEY from the state
- 12 campaign fund under this act.
- 13 (b) That the expenditure limits of section 67 are not waived
- 14 for the purpose of determining the amount of public funds MONEY
- 15 available to a candidate under section 64 or 65.
- 16 (9) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 17 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
- 18 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than
- 19 90 days, or both, or, if the person is not an individual, by a
- 20 fine of not more than \$10,000.00.
- 21 (10) The limitation on a political committee's contributions
- 22 under subsection (1) does not apply to contributions that are
- 23 part of 1 or more bundled contributions delivered to the
- 24 candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective office
- 25 and that are attributed to the political committee as prescribed
- 26 in section 31. A political committee shall not make contributions
- 27 to a candidate committee of a candidate for statewide elective

- 1 office that are part of 1 or more bundled contributions delivered
- 2 to that candidate committee, that are attributed to the political
- 3 committee as prescribed in section 31, and that, in the aggregate
- 4 for that election cycle, are more than the amount permitted a
- 5 person other than an independent committee or political party
- 6 committee in subsection (1).
- 7 (11) The limitation on an independent committee's
- 8 contributions under subsection (2) does not apply to
- 9 contributions that are part of 1 or more bundled contributions
- 10 delivered to the candidate committee of a candidate for statewide
- 11 elective office and that are attributed to the independent
- 12 committee as prescribed in section 31. An independent committee
- 13 shall not make contributions to a candidate committee of a
- 14 candidate for statewide elective office that are part of 1 or
- 15 more bundled contributions delivered to that candidate committee,
- 16 that are attributed to the independent committee as prescribed in
- 17 section 31, and that, in the aggregate for that election cycle,
- 18 are more than 10 times the amount permitted a person other than
- 19 an independent committee or political party committee in
- 20 subsection (1).

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