## **SENATE BILL No. 1250**

November 29, 2018, Introduced by Senator ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Elections and Government Reform.

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

by amending the title and sections 3, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18a, 21, 22,
24, 26, 30, 33, 36, 46, 51, 55, 57, 63, 64, 65, and 69 (MCL
169.203, 169.215, 169.216, 169.217, 169.218, 169.218a, 169.221,
169.222, 169.224, 169.226, 169.230, 169.233, 169.236, 169.246,
169.251, 169.255, 169.257, 169.263, 169.264, 169.265, and 169.269),
the title as amended by 1994 PA 385, sections 3, 17, 24, 26, 33,
51, and 55 as amended by 2017 PA 119, sections 15, 21, and 57 as
amended by 2015 PA 269, section 16 as amended by 2017 PA 184,
section 18 as amended by 2013 PA 258, section 18a as added by 2013
PA 259, section 22 as amended by 1999 PA 237, section 30 as added
by 1997 PA 71, section 36 as amended by 2012 PA 277, sections 46
and 69 as amended by 2013 PA 252, and sections 64 and 65 as amended
by 1993 PA 262, and by adding section 15a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

- 2 An act to regulate political activity; to regulate campaign
- 3 financing; to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures; to
- 4 require campaign statements and reports; to regulate anonymous
- 5 contributions; to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to
- 6 provide for segregated funds for political purposes; to provide for
- 7 the use of public funds for political purposes; to create certain
- 8 funds; to provide for reversion, retention, or refunding of
- 9 unexpended balances in certain funds; to require other statements
- 10 and reports; to regulate acceptance of certain gifts, payments, and
- 11 reimbursements; TO CREATE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION;
- 12 TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES
- 13 COMMISSION; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state
- 14 departments and state and local officials and employees; to provide
- 15 appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to
- 16 repeal certain acts and parts of acts.
- 17 Sec. 3. (1) "Candidate" means an individual who meets 1 or
- 18 more of the following criteria:
- 19 (a) Files a fee, an affidavit of incumbency, or a nominating
- 20 petition for an elective office.
- 21 (b) Is nominated as a candidate for elective office by a
- 22 political party caucus or convention and whose nomination is
- 23 certified to the appropriate filing official.
- 24 (c) Receives a contribution, makes an expenditure, or gives
- 25 consent for another person to receive a contribution or make an
- 26 expenditure with a view to bringing about the individual's

- 1 nomination or election to an elective office, whether or not the
- 2 specific elective office for which the individual will seek
- 3 nomination or election is known at the time the contribution is
- 4 received or the expenditure is made.
- 5 (d) Is an officeholder who is the subject of a recall vote.
- 6 (e) Holds an elective office, unless the officeholder is
- 7 constitutionally or legally barred from seeking reelection or fails
- 8 to file for reelection to that office by the applicable filing
- 9 deadline. An individual described in this subdivision is considered
- 10 to be a candidate for reelection to that same office for the
- 11 purposes of this act only.
- 12 For purposes of sections 61 to 71, "candidate" only means, in
- 13 a primary election, a candidate for the office of governor and, in
- 14 a general election, a candidate for the office of governor or
- 15 lieutenant governor. However, the candidates for the office of
- 16 governor and lieutenant governor of the same political party in a
- 17 general election are considered as 1 candidate.
- 18 (2) "Candidate committee" means the committee designated in a
- 19 candidate's filed statement of organization as that individual's
- 20 candidate committee. A candidate committee must be under the
- 21 control and direction of the candidate named in the same statement
- 22 of organization. Notwithstanding subsection  $\frac{4}{1}$ ,  $\frac{5}{1}$ , an individual
- 23 shall form a candidate committee under section 21 if the individual
- 24 becomes a candidate under subsection (1).
- 25 (3) "Closing date" means the date through which a campaign
- 26 statement is required to be complete.
- 27 (4) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

## 1 CREATED IN SECTION 15A.

- 2 (5) (4)—"Committee" means a person that receives contributions
- 3 or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting
- 4 to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination
- 5 or election of a candidate, the qualification, passage, or defeat
- 6 of a ballot question, or the qualification of a new political
- 7 party, if contributions received total \$500.00 or more in a
- 8 calendar year or expenditures made total \$500.00 or more in a
- 9 calendar year. Except as restricted or prohibited by this act or
- 10 other state or federal law, a committee may also make other lawful
- 11 disbursements. An individual, other than a candidate, does not
- 12 constitute a committee. A person, other than a committee registered
- 13 under this act, making an expenditure to a ballot question
- 14 committee or an independent expenditure committee, shall not, for
- 15 that reason, be considered a committee or be required to file a
- 16 report for the purposes of this act unless the person solicits or
- 17 receives contributions for the purpose of making an expenditure to
- 18 that ballot question committee or independent expenditure
- 19 committee.
- 20 Sec. 15. (1) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall do all of
- 21 the following:
- 22 (a) Make available through his or her THE COMMISSION offices,
- 23 and furnish to county clerks, appropriate forms, instructions, and
- 24 manuals required by this act.
- 25 (b) Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system for
- 26 the filing of required reports and statements consistent with this
- 27 act, and supervise the implementation of the filing systems by the

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

(2) A THE COMMISSION SHALL ONLY ISSUE A declaratory ruling 1 2 shall be issued under this section only if the person requesting the ruling has provided a reasonably complete statement of facts 3 4 necessary for the ruling or if the person requesting the ruling 5 has, with the permission of the secretary of state, COMMISSION, supplied supplemental facts necessary for the ruling. A-THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE A request for a declaratory ruling that is 7 submitted to the secretary of state shall be made COMMISSION 8 9 available for public inspection within 48 hours after its receipt. 10 THE COMMISSION RECEIVES THE REQUEST. An interested person may 11 submit written comments regarding the request to the secretary of 12 state COMMISSION within 10 business days after the date the request 13 is made available to the public. Within 45 business days after 14 receiving a declaratory ruling request, the secretary of state 15 COMMISSION shall make a proposed response available to the public. An interested person may submit written comments regarding the 16 17 proposed response to the secretary of state COMMISSION within 5 business days after the date the proposal is made available to the 18 19 public. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary 20 of state COMMISSION shall issue a declaratory ruling within 60 21 business days after a request for a declaratory ruling is received. 22 If the secretary of state-COMMISSION refuses to issue a declaratory 23 ruling, the secretary of state-COMMISSION shall notify the person 24 making the request of the reasons for the refusal and shall issue 25 an interpretative statement providing an informational response to 26 the question presented within the same time limitation applicable 27 to a declaratory ruling. A declaratory ruling or interpretative

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

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

- 1 (8) A person who files a complaint with a false certificate
- 2 under subsection (6)(c) is responsible for a civil violation of
- 3 this act. A person may file a complaint under subsection (5)
- 4 alleging that another person has filed a complaint with a false
- 5 certificate under subsection (6)(c).
- 6 (9) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall investigate the
- 7 allegations under the rules promulgated under this act. If the
- 8 violation involves A MEMBER OF the secretary of state, COMMISSION,
- 9 the immediate family of A MEMBER OF the secretary of state,
- 10 COMMISSION, or a campaign or committee with which A MEMBER OF the
- 11 secretary of state COMMISSION is connected, directly or indirectly,
- 12 the secretary of state COMMISSION shall refer the matter to the
- 13 attorney general to determine whether a violation of this act has
- 14 occurred.
- 15 (10) No later than 45 business days after receipt of a
- 16 rebuttal statement submitted under subsection (5), or if no
- 17 response or rebuttal is received under subsection (5), the
- 18 secretary of state COMMISSION shall post on the secretary of
- 19 state's Internet COMMISSION'S INTERNET website whether or not there
- 20 may be reason to believe that a violation of this act has occurred.
- 21 When the secretary of state COMMISSION determines whether there may
- 22 be reason to believe that a violation of this act occurred or did
- 23 not occur or determines to terminate its proceedings, the secretary
- 24 of state COMMISSION shall, within 30 days of that determination,
- 25 post on the secretary of state's Internet COMMISSION'S INTERNET
- 26 website any complaint, response, or rebuttal statement received
- 27 under subsection (5) regarding that violation or alleged violation

- 1 and any correspondence that is dispositive of that violation or
- 2 alleged violation between the secretary of state COMMISSION and the
- 3 complainant or the person against whom the complaint was filed. If
- 4 the secretary of state COMMISSION determines that there may be
- 5 reason to believe that a violation of this act occurred, the
- 6 secretary of state COMMISSION shall endeavor to correct the
- 7 violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods
- 8 such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion, and may enter
- 9 into a conciliation agreement with the person involved. Unless
- 10 violated, a conciliation agreement is a complete bar to any further
- 11 civil or criminal action with respect to matters covered in the
- 12 conciliation agreement. The secretary of state COMMISSION shall,
- 13 within 30 days after a conciliation agreement is signed, post that
- 14 agreement on the secretary of state's Internet COMMISSION'S
- 15 INTERNET website. If, after 90 business days, the secretary of
- 16 state COMMISSION is unable to correct or prevent further violation
- 17 by these informal methods, the secretary of state COMMISSION shall
- 18 do either of the following:
- 19 (a) Refer the matter to the attorney general for the
- 20 enforcement of any criminal penalty provided by this act.
- 21 (b) Commence a hearing as provided in subsection (11) for
- 22 enforcement of any civil violation.
- 23 (11) The secretary of state COMMISSION may commence a hearing
- 24 to determine whether a civil violation of this act has occurred.
- 25 The hearing shall MUST be conducted in accordance with the
- 26 procedures set forth in chapter 4 of the administrative procedures
- 27 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.271 to 24.287. 24.288. If after a

- 1 hearing the secretary of state COMMISSION determines that a
- 2 violation of this act has occurred, the secretary of state
- 3 COMMISSION may issue an order requiring the person to pay a civil
- 4 fine not more than triple the amount of the improper contribution
- 5 or expenditure plus not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.
- 6 (12) A final decision and order issued by the secretary of
- 7 state COMMISSION is subject to judicial review as provided by
- 8 chapter 6 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
- 9 306, MCL 24.301 to 24.306. The secretary of state COMMISSION shall
- 10 deposit a civil fine imposed under this section in the general
- 11 fund. The secretary of state COMMISSION may bring an action in
- 12 circuit court to recover the amount of a civil fine.
- 13 (13) When a report or statement is filed under this act, the
- 14 secretary of state COMMISSION shall review the report or statement
- 15 and may investigate an apparent violation of this act under the
- 16 rules promulgated under this act. If the secretary of state
- 17 COMMISSION determines that there may be reason to believe a
- 18 violation of this act has occurred and the procedures prescribed in
- 19 subsection (10) have been complied with, the secretary of state
- 20 COMMISSION may refer the matter to the attorney general for the
- 21 enforcement of a criminal penalty provided by this act, or commence
- 22 a hearing under subsection (11) to determine whether a civil
- 23 violation of this act has occurred.
- 24 (14) No later than 60 business days after a matter is referred
- 25 to the attorney general for enforcement of a criminal penalty, the
- 26 attorney general shall determine whether to proceed with
- 27 enforcement of that penalty.

- 1 (15) Unless otherwise specified in this act, a person who
- 2 violates a provision of this act is subject to a civil fine of not
- 3 more than \$1,000.00 for each violation. A civil fine is in addition
- 4 to, but not limited by, a criminal penalty prescribed by this act.
- 5 (16) In addition to any other sanction provided for by this
- 6 act, the secretary of state COMMISSION may require a person who
- 7 files a complaint with a false certificate under subsection (6)(c)
- 8 to do either or both of the following:
- 9 (a) Pay to the secretary of state COMMISSION some or all of
- 10 the expenses incurred by the secretary of state-COMMISSION as a
- 11 direct result of the filing of the 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 (17) Except as otherwise provided in section 57, there is no
- 17 private right of action, either in law or in equity, under this
- 18 act. Except as otherwise provided in section 57, the remedies
- 19 provided in this act are the exclusive means by which this act may
- 20 be enforced and by which any harm resulting from a violation of
- 21 this act may be redressed. A PERSON SHALL NOT BRING OR MAINTAIN AN
- 22 ACTION TO COLLECT A FINE OR FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS ACT UNLESS THE
- 23 PERSON COMMENCES THE ACTION WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE VIOLATION OF
- 24 THIS ACT OCCURS. The criminal penalties provided by this act may
- 25 only be enforced by the attorney general and only upon referral by
- 26 the secretary of state COMMISSION as provided under subsection (10)
- **27** or (13).

- 1 (18) The secretary of state COMMISSION may waive the filing of
- 2 a campaign statement required under section 33, 34, or 35 if the
- 3 closing date of the particular campaign statement falls on the same
- 4 or a later date as the closing date of the next campaign statement
- 5 filed by the same person, or if the period that would be otherwise
- 6 covered by the next campaign statement filed by the same person is
- 7 10 days or less.
- 8 (19) The clerk of each county shall do all of the following:
- 9 (a) Make available through the county clerk's office the
- 10 appropriate forms, instructions, and manuals required by this act.
- 11 (b) Under the supervision of the secretary of state,
- 12 COMMISSION, implement the filing, coding, and cross-indexing system
- 13 prescribed for the filing of reports and statements required to be
- 14 filed with the county clerk's office.
- 15 (c) Receive all statements and reports required by this act to
- 16 be filed with the county clerk's office.
- 17 (d) Upon written request, waive the payment of a late filing
- 18 fee if the request for a waiver is based on good cause as
- 19 prescribed in subsection (1)(f).
- 20 SEC. 15A. (1) THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION IS
- 21 CREATED AS AN AUTONOMOUS ENTITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE
- 22 COMMISSION SHALL EXERCISE ITS STATUTORY POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS,
- 23 AND RESPONSIBILITIES INDEPENDENTLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
- 24 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONNEL, BUDGETING, PROCUREMENT,
- 25 AND MANAGEMENT-RELATED FUNCTIONS.
- 26 (2) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, NOT MORE
- 27 THAN 3 OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY:

- 1 (A) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM A LIST
- 2 SUBMITTED BY THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY
- 3 WHOSE CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RECEIVED THE HIGHEST
- 4 NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION IN
- 5 WHICH A GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED.
- 6 (B) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM A LIST
- 7 SUBMITTED BY THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY
- 8 WHOSE CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RECEIVED THE SECOND
- 9 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING GENERAL
- 10 ELECTION IN WHICH A GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED.
- 11 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION
- 12 WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE LISTS UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (A)
- 13 AND (B).
- 14 (4) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 4 YEARS
- 15 OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED, WHICHEVER IS LATER. A MEMBER OF
- 16 THE COMMISSION MAY BE REAPPOINTED. HOWEVER, AFTER SERVING 2
- 17 CONSECUTIVE TERMS ON THE COMMISSION, THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE
- 18 TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR 4 YEARS.
- 19 (5) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
- 20 IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 21 (A) THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTOR
- 22 OF THIS STATE.
- 23 (B) THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS AN ELECTIVE OFFICE.
- 24 (C) THE INDIVIDUAL IS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE.
- 25 (D) THE INDIVIDUAL IS A TREASURER, CAMPAIGN MANAGER, OR PAID
- 26 EMPLOYEE OF EITHER A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OR A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC
- 27 OFFICE.

- 1 (E) THE INDIVIDUAL IS A LOBBYIST OR LOBBYIST AGENT UNDER 1978
- 2 PA 472, MCL 4.411 TO 4.431.
- 3 (6) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT DO EITHER OF THE
- 4 FOLLOWING WHILE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:
- 5 (A) MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY PERSON THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE
- 6 COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION.
- 7 (B) SOLICIT A CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY PERSON THAT IS SUBJECT TO
- 8 THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION.
- 9 (7) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS SUBJECT TO 1968 PA 317, MCL
- 10 15.321 TO 15.330, AND 1968 PA 318, MCL 15.301 TO 15.310.
- 11 (8) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE
- 12 CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE UNDER SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE
- 13 STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963.
- 14 (9) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
- 15 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE SAME MANNER AS
- 16 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.
- 17 (10) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION FOR
- 18 INCOMPETENCE, DERELICTION OF DUTY, MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, OR
- 19 NONFEASANCE IN OFFICE, OR ANY OTHER GOOD CAUSE.
- 20 (11) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE CALLED BY
- 21 THE GOVERNOR. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT FROM
- 22 AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS AS IT CONSIDERS
- 23 NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE. EVERY 2 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING,
- 24 THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON MUST ALTERNATE BETWEEN MEMBERS
- 25 APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (A) AND THE MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER
- 26 SUBSECTION (2)(B). AFTER THE FIRST MEETING, THE COMMISSION SHALL
- 27 MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AT THE CALL OF THE

- 1 CHAIRPERSON OR IF REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS.
- 2 (12) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR
- 3 THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. FOUR
- 4 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PRESENT AND SERVING ARE REQUIRED FOR
- 5 OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE COMMISSION.
- 6 (13) THE BUSINESS THAT THE COMMISSION MAY PERFORM SHALL BE
- 7 CONDUCTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD IN COMPLIANCE
- 8 WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275.
- 9 (14) A WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR
- 10 RETAINED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL
- 11 FUNCTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442,
- 12 MCL 15.231 TO 15.246.
- 13 (15) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR HIS OR
- 14 HER ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF
- 15 HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. A MEMBER
- 16 OF THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE \$75.00 FOR EACH DAY'S ACTUAL
- 17 PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. A MEMBER OF THE
- 18 COMMISSION SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY OTHER COMPENSATION FOR THE
- 19 PERFORMANCE OF THOSE DUTIES.
- 20 (16) THE COMMISSION SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 21 (A) ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS ACT.
- 22 (B) EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES CONFERRED ON THE COMMISSION
- 23 BY STATUTE.
- 24 (17) THE COMMISSION MAY HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANY
- 25 STAFF REQUIRED TO EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW.
- 26 Sec. 16. (1) A filing official shall make a statement or
- 27 report required to be filed under this act available for public

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

- 1 from the official date of the committee's dissolution. Except as
- 2 otherwise provided in this subsection, any other statement or
- 3 report filed under this act with a filing official who is not the
- 4 secretary of state shall COMMISSION MUST be preserved by that
- 5 filing official for 5 years from the date the filing occurred. Any
- 6 other statement or report filed under this act with a filing
- 7 official who is not the secretary of state COMMISSION that is filed
- 8 by a committee that received more than \$50,000.00 in an election
- 9 cycle shall MUST be preserved by that filing official for 15 years
- 10 from the date the filing occurred. Any other statement or report
- 11 filed under this act with the secretary of state shall COMMISSION
- 12 MUST be preserved by the secretary of state COMMISSION for 15 years
- 13 from the date the filing occurred. Upon a determination under
- 14 section 15 that a violation of this act has occurred, all
- 15 complaints, orders, decisions, or other documents related to that
- 16 violation shall MUST be preserved by the filing official who is not
- 17 the secretary of state COMMISSION or the secretary of state
- 18 COMMISSION for 15 years from the date of the court determination or
- 19 the date the violations are corrected, whichever is later.
- 20 Statements and reports filed under this act may be reproduced
- 21 pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401
- 22 to 24.406. After the required preservation period, the statements
- 23 and reports, or the reproductions of the statements and reports,
- 24 may be disposed of in the manner prescribed in the management and
- 25 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, and section 11 of
- 26 the Michigan history center act, 2016 PA 470, MCL 399.811.
- 27 (5) A filing official shall not collect a charge for the

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

- 1 (9) A statement or report required to be filed under this act
- 2 shall MUST be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day in which it is
- 3 required to be filed. A preelection statement or report due on July
- 4 25 or October 25 under section 33 that is postmarked by registered
- 5 or certified mail, or sent by express mail or other overnight
- 6 delivery service, at least 2 days before the deadline for filing is
- 7 filed within the prescribed time regardless of when it is actually
- 8 delivered. Any other statement or report required to be filed under
- 9 this act that is postmarked by registered or certified mail or sent
- 10 by express mail or other overnight delivery service on or before
- 11 the deadline for filing is filed within the prescribed time
- 12 regardless of when it is actually delivered.
- Sec. 17. (1) A person paying a late filing fee as a result of
- 14 that person's failure to file a statement or report shall pay that
- 15 fee to the filing official with whom the statement or report was
- 16 required to be filed.
- 17 (2) The late filing fees collected under sections 24, 33, 34,
- 18 35, and 51, and copying charges collected under section 16, must be
- 19 retained by and for the use of the filing officials collecting the
- 20 fees or charges to cover their expenses in administering this act.
- 21 A late filing fee assessed by a county clerk that remains unpaid
- 22 for more than 60 days is considered a debt of the county, and the
- 23 county treasurer shall collect that fee in the same manner as other
- 24 county debts are collected. A late filing fee assessed by the
- 25 secretary of state COMMISSION that remains unpaid for more than 180
- 26 days must be referred to the department of treasury for collection.
- 27 (3) A committee, other than a candidate committee or a

- 1 committee making expenditures in assistance of or in opposition to
- 2 the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question,
- 3 required to file with the secretary of state COMMISSION is not
- 4 required to pay a late filing fee under sections 24, 33, 34, and
- 5 35, if all of the following conditions are met:
- 6 (a) A committee required to register as a committee fails to
- 7 file a statement of organization.
- 8 (b) The secretary of state COMMISSION sends to that committee
- 9 notice of the committee's failure to file a statement of
- 10 organization.
- 11 (c) At the same time or after the notice described in
- 12 subdivision (b) is sent, the secretary of state COMMISSION sends to
- 13 that committee notice of the committee's failure to file a campaign
- 14 statement that was due for a period that occurred before the notice
- 15 of failure to file a statement of 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) must be assessed for each statement not filed before
- 24 the eleventh business day after a notice of failure to file is sent
- 25 under subsection (3).
- 26 (5) A committee other than a candidate committee that has not
- 27 previously filed a statement of organization is not required to pay

- 1 a late filing fee under sections 24, 33, 34, and 35, if the
- 2 committee files a statement of organization and every campaign
- 3 statement that is due, before the secretary of state COMMISSION
- 4 sends a notice to that committee under subsection (3).
- 5 Sec. 18. (1) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall develop
- 6 and implement an electronic filing and internet disclosure system
- 7 that permits committees that are required to file statements or
- 8 reports under this act with the secretary of state COMMISSION to
- 9 file those statements or reports electronically and that provides
- 10 internet disclosure of electronically filed statements or reports
- 11 on a website.
- 12 (2) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall offer each
- 13 committee required to file with the secretary of state COMMISSION
- 14 the option of filing campaign statements or reports electronically,
- 15 as described in subsection (1).
- 16 (3) Beginning with the annual campaign statement due January
- 17 31, 2014, each committee required to file with the secretary of
- 18 state COMMISSION that received or expended \$5,000.00 or more in the
- 19 preceding calendar year or expects to receive or expend \$5,000.00
- 20 or more in the current calendar year shall electronically file all
- 21 statements and reports required under this act, as described in
- 22 subsection (1).
- 23 (4) If a committee was not required to file a campaign
- 24 statement under subsection (3) only because it did not meet the
- 25 applicable threshold of receiving or expending \$5,000.00 or more,
- 26 but the committee later reaches that threshold, the committee shall
- 27 notify the secretary of state COMMISSION within 10 business days

- 1 after reaching that threshold and shall subsequently file
- 2 electronically all statements and reports required under this act.
- 3 (5) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall permit a committee
- 4 to electronically file statements and reports required under this
- 5 act, as described in subsection (1), except an original statement
- 6 of organization, after the committee treasurer and, for a candidate
- 7 committee, the candidate has signed and filed a form designed by
- 8 the secretary of state COMMISSION to serve as the signature
- 9 verifying the accuracy and completeness of each statement or report
- 10 filed electronically.
- 11 Sec. 18a. (1) A county clerk may adopt an electronic filing
- 12 and internet disclosure system developed or approved by the
- 13 secretary of state COMMISSION that permits committees that are
- 14 required to file statements or reports under this act with the
- 15 county clerk to file those statements or reports electronically and
- 16 that provides internet disclosure of electronically filed
- 17 statements or reports on a website. If the secretary of state
- 18 COMMISSION develops an internet disclosure system, the secretary of
- 19 state COMMISSION shall not charge a county clerk for the software
- 20 for that system.
- 21 (2) A county clerk who adopts a system under subsection (1)
- 22 may require each committee that received or expended the threshold
- 23 amount set by the county clerk as provided in this subsection in
- 24 the preceding calendar year or expects to receive or expend the
- 25 threshold amount set by the county clerk in the current calendar
- 26 year to file campaign statements or reports electronically. A
- 27 county clerk shall set the threshold under this subsection at

- 1 \$5,000.00 or \$1,500.00.
- 2 (3) A county clerk who adopts a system under subsection (1)
- 3 shall permit a committee to electronically file statements and
- 4 reports required under this act, as described in subsection (1),
- 5 except an original statement of organization, after the committee
- 6 treasurer and, for a candidate committee, the candidate has signed
- 7 and filed a form designed by the secretary of state COMMISSION to
- 8 serve as the signature verifying the accuracy and completeness of
- 9 each statement or report filed electronically.
- 10 (4) If a committee was not required to file a campaign
- 11 statement under subsection (2) only because it did not meet the
- 12 applicable threshold, but the committee later reaches that
- 13 threshold, the committee shall notify the county clerk within 10
- 14 business days after reaching that threshold and shall subsequently
- 15 file electronically all statements and reports required under this
- **16** act.
- Sec. 21. (1) A candidate, within 10 days after becoming a
- 18 candidate, shall form a candidate committee. A person AN INDIVIDUAL
- 19 who is a candidate for more than 1 office shall form a candidate
- 20 committee for each office for which the person-INDIVIDUAL is a
- 21 candidate, if at least 1 of the offices is a state elective office.
- 22 A candidate shall not form more than 1 candidate committee for each
- 23 office for which the person-INDIVIDUAL is a candidate.
- 24 (2) A candidate committee shall have a treasurer who is a
- 25 qualified elector of this state. A candidate may appoint himself or
- 26 herself as the candidate committee treasurer.
- 27 (3) A committee other than a candidate committee shall have a

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

- 1 institution as its official depository. The establishment of an
- 2 account in a financial institution is not required until the
- 3 committee receives a contribution or makes an expenditure.
- 4 Secondary depositories shall MUST be used for the sole purpose of
- 5 depositing contributions and promptly transferring the deposits to
- 6 the committee's official depository.
- 7 (7) Except as provided by law, a committee described in
- 8 subsection (4) shall have 1 account in a financial institution as
- 9 its official depository for the purpose of depositing all
- 10 contributions received by the committee in the form of or which are
- 11 converted to money, checks, or other negotiable instruments and for
- 12 the purpose of making all expenditures. The committee shall
- 13 designate that financial institution as its official depository.
- 14 The establishment of an account in a financial institution is not
- 15 required until the committee receives a contribution or makes an
- 16 expenditure. Secondary depositories shall MUST be used only for the
- 17 purposes of depositing contributions and promptly transferring the
- 18 deposits to the committee's official depository, or depositing,
- 19 dividing, and transferring contributions that are aggregated with
- 20 dues or other payments.
- 21 (8) A COMMITTEE SHALL NOT ACCEPT A contribution shall not be
- 22 accepted and OR MAKE an expenditure shall not be made by a
- 23 committee—IF that COMMITTEE does not have a treasurer. When the
- 24 office of treasurer in a candidate committee is vacant, the
- 25 candidate shall be IS the treasurer until the candidate appoints a
- 26 new treasurer.
- 27 (9) An A COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MAKE AN expenditure shall not be

- 1 made by a committee without the authorization of the treasurer or
- 2 the treasurer's designee. The contributions received or
- 3 expenditures made by a candidate or an agent of a candidate are
- 4 considered received or made by the candidate committee.
- 5 (10) Contributions received by an individual acting in behalf
- 6 of a committee shall MUST be reported promptly to the committee's
- 7 treasurer not later than 5 days before the closing date of any
- 8 campaign statement required to be filed by the committee, and shall
- 9 MUST be reported to the committee treasurer immediately if the
- 10 contribution is received less than 5 days before the closing date.
- 11 (11) A contribution is considered received by a committee when
- 12 it is received by the committee treasurer or a designated agent of
- 13 the committee treasurer although the contribution may not be
- 14 deposited in the official depository by the reporting deadline.
- 15 (12) Contributions received by a committee shall MUST not be
- 16 commingled with other funds of an agent of the committee or of any
- 17 other person. Contributions are not considered to be commingled if
- 18 that contribution is either of the following:
- 19 (a) A contribution received by a person for transmission to a
- 20 separate segregated fund as described in section 55(7).
- 21 (b) A contribution made by 1 or more persons through a person
- 22 if all of the following are met:
- 23 (i) The individual contribution or aggregated contribution is
- 24 accompanied by or logically associated with all information
- 25 required under section 26 for each individual contributor.
- 26 (ii) The person making the contribution is the original source
- 27 of the contribution.

- 1 (iii) The contribution is not obtained through use of coercion
- 2 or physical force, as a condition of employment or membership, or
- 3 by using or threatening to use job discrimination or financial
- 4 reprisals.
- 5 (iv) Only the person making the contribution exercises any
- 6 control over the making of, or the amount or recipient of, the
- 7 contribution.
- 8 (v) The contribution is not otherwise prohibited by this act.
- 9 (13) A person that violates this section is subject to a civil
- 10 fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 11 Sec. 22. A committee treasurer or other individual designated
- 12 on the statement of organization as responsible for the committee's
- 13 record keeping, report preparation, or report filing shall keep
- 14 detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts as required to
- 15 substantiate the information contained in a statement or report
- 16 filed <del>pursuant to UNDER</del> this act or rules promulgated under this
- 17 act. The treasurer shall record the name and address of a person
- 18 from whom a contribution is received. The records of a committee
- 19 shall MUST be preserved for 5 years and shall be made available for
- 20 inspection as authorized by the secretary of state. COMMISSION. A
- 21 treasurer or other individual designated as responsible for the
- 22 committee's record keeping, report preparation, or report filing
- 23 who knowingly violates this section is subject to a civil fine of
- 24 not more than \$1,000.00.
- Sec. 24. (1) A committee shall file a statement of
- 26 organization with the filing officials designated in section 36 to
- 27 receive the committee's campaign statements. A committee shall file

- 1 a statement of organization within 10 days after the committee is
- 2 formed. A filing official shall maintain a statement of
- 3 organization filed by a committee until 5 years after the official
- 4 date of the committee's dissolution. A person who fails to file a
- 5 statement of organization required by this subsection shall pay a
- 6 late filing fee of \$10.00 for each business day the statement
- 7 remains not filed in violation of this subsection. The late filing
- 8 fee must not exceed \$300.00. A person who violates this subsection
- 9 by failing to file for more than 30 days after a statement of
- 10 organization is required to be filed is guilty of a misdemeanor
- 11 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 12 (2) The statement of organization required to be filed under
- 13 subsection (1) must include the following information:
- 14 (a) The name, street address, and if available, the electronic
- 15 mail address and telephone number of the committee, and the
- 16 electronic mail address of the candidate. If a committee is a
- 17 candidate committee, the committee name must include the first and
- 18 last name of the candidate. A committee address may be the home
- 19 address of the candidate or treasurer of the committee.
- 20 (b) The name, street address, and if available, the electronic
- 21 mail address and telephone number of the treasurer or other
- 22 individual designated as responsible for the committee's record
- 23 keeping, report preparation, or report filing.
- 24 (c) The name and address of the financial institution in which
- 25 the official committee depository is or is intended to be located,
- 26 and the name and address of each financial institution in which a
- 27 secondary depository is or is intended to be located.

- 1 (d) The full name of the office being sought by, including
- 2 district number or jurisdiction, and the county residence of each
- 3 candidate supported or opposed by the committee.
- 4 (e) A brief statement identifying the substance of each ballot
- 5 question supported or opposed by the committee. If the ballot
- 6 question supported or opposed by the committee is a local ballot
- 7 question, the committee shall identify the county in which the
- 8 greatest number of registered voters eligible to vote on the ballot
- 9 question reside.
- 10 (f) Identification of the committee as a candidate committee,
- 11 political party committee, independent committee, independent
- 12 expenditure committee, political committee, or ballot question
- 13 committee if it is identifiable as such a committee.
- 14 (3) An independent committee or political committee shall
- 15 include in the name of the committee the name of the person or
- 16 persons that sponsor the committee, if any, or with whom the
- 17 committee is affiliated. A person, other than an individual or a
- 18 committee, sponsors or is affiliated with an independent committee
- 19 or political committee if that person establishes, directs,
- 20 controls, or financially supports the administration of the
- 21 committee. For the purposes of this subsection, a person does not
- 22 financially support the administration of a committee by merely
- 23 making a contribution to the committee.
- 24 (4) If any of the information required in a statement of
- 25 organization is changed, the committee shall file an amendment when
- 26 the next campaign statement is required to be filed.
- 27 (5) When filing a statement of organization, a committee,

- 1 other than an independent committee, a political committee, or a
- 2 political party committee, may indicate in a written statement
- 3 signed by the treasurer of the committee that the committee does
- 4 not expect for each election to receive an amount in excess of
- 5 \$1,000.00 or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00. The treasurer
- 6 of a committee of an incumbent judge or justice is considered to
- 7 have made the statement required under this subsection following
- 8 appointment or election of that judge or justice and is not
- 9 required to file a written statement under this subsection
- 10 indicating that the committee does not expect for each election to
- 11 receive or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00.
- 12 (6) When filing a statement of organization, an independent
- 13 committee, a political committee, or a political party committee
- 14 may indicate in a written statement signed by the treasurer of the
- 15 committee that the committee does not expect in a calendar year to
- 16 receive or expend an amount in excess of \$1,000.00.
- 17 (7) Upon the dissolution of a committee, the committee shall
- 18 file a statement indicating dissolution with the filing officials
- 19 with whom the committee's statement of organization was filed.
- 20 Dissolution of a committee must be accomplished pursuant to rules
- 21 promulgated by the secretary of state COMMISSION under the
- administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- **23** 24.328.
- 24 (8) A candidate committee that files a written statement under
- 25 subsection (5) or that is considered to have made a statement under
- 26 subsection (5) is not required to file a dissolution statement
- 27 under subsection (7) if the committee failed to receive or expend

- 1 an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 and 1 of the following applies:
- 2 (a) The candidate was defeated in an election and has no
- 3 outstanding campaign debts or assets.
- 4 (b) The candidate vacates an elective office and has no
- 5 outstanding campaign debts or assets.
- 6 (9) A political committee organized for the purpose of making
- 7 independent expenditures formed before the effective date of the
- 8 amendatory act that added this subsection SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 is
- 9 considered an independent expenditure committee. The secretary of
- 10 state—COMMISSION may amend the statement of organization for any
- 11 committee affected by this subsection.
- 12 Sec. 26. (1) A campaign statement of a committee, other than a
- 13 political party committee, required by this act must contain all of
- 14 the following information:
- 15 (a) The filing committee's name, address, and telephone
- 16 number, and the full name, residential and business addresses,
- 17 electronic mail address, and telephone numbers of the committee
- 18 treasurer or other individual designated as responsible for the
- 19 committee's record keeping, report preparation, or report filing.
- 20 (b) Under the heading "receipts", the total amount of
- 21 contributions received during the period covered by the campaign
- 22 statement; under the heading "expenditures", the total amount of
- 23 expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign
- 24 statement; and the cumulative amount of those totals. Forgiveness
- 25 of a loan must not be included in the totals. Payment of a loan by
- 26 a third party must be recorded and reported as an in-kind
- 27 contribution by the third party. In-kind contributions or

- 1 expenditures must be listed at fair market value and reported as
- 2 both contributions and expenditures. A contribution or expenditure
- 3 that is by other than completed and accepted payment, gift, or
- 4 other transfer, that is clearly not legally enforceable, and that
- 5 is expressly withdrawn or rejected and returned before a campaign
- 6 statement closing date need not be included in the campaign
- 7 statement and if included may, in a later or amended statement, be
- 8 shown as a deduction, but the committee shall keep adequate records
- 9 of each instance.
- 10 (c) The balance of cash on hand at the beginning and the end
- 11 of the period covered by the campaign statement.
- 12 (d) The following information regarding each fund-raising
- 13 event must be included in the report:
- 14 (i) The type of event, date held, address and name, if any, of
- 15 the place where the activity was held, and approximate number of
- 16 individuals participating or in attendance.
- 17 (ii) The total amount of all contributions.
- 18 (iii) The gross receipts of the fund-raising event.
- 19 (iv) The expenditures incident to the event.
- (e) The full name of each individual from whom contributions
- 21 are received during the period covered by the campaign statement,
- 22 together with the individual's street address, the amount
- 23 contributed, the date on which each contribution was received, and
- 24 the cumulative amount contributed by that individual. The
- 25 occupation, employer, and principal place of business must be
- 26 stated if the individual's cumulative contributions are more than
- 27 \$100.00. For contributions of \$5.00 or less by an individual to a

- 1 political committee or independent committee, the secretary of
- 2 state COMMISSION shall accept for filing any written communication
- 3 from the political committee or independent committee that contains
- 4 the information otherwise required under this subsection. Any
- 5 written communication under this subdivision does not need to
- 6 contain an original signature.
- 7 (f) The cumulative amount contributed and the name and address
- 8 of each individual, except those individuals reported under
- 9 subdivision (e), who contributed to the committee. The occupation,
- 10 employer, and principal place of business must be stated for each
- 11 individual who contributed more than \$100.00.
- 12 (g) The name and street address of each person, other than an
- 13 individual, from whom contributions are received during the period
- 14 covered by the campaign statement, together with an itemization of
- 15 the amounts contributed, the date on which each contribution was
- 16 received, and the cumulative amount contributed by that person.
- 17 (h) The name, address, and amount given by an individual who
- 18 contributed to the total amount contributed by a person who is
- 19 other than a committee or an individual. The occupation, employer,
- 20 and principal place of business must be stated if the individual
- 21 contributed more than \$100.00 of the total amount contributed by a
- 22 person who is other than a committee or an individual.
- 23 (i) The cumulative total of expenditures and other
- 24 disbursements totaling \$50.00 or less to any person made during the
- 25 period covered by the campaign statement except for expenditures
- 26 made to or on behalf of another committee, candidate, or ballot
- 27 question.

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

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

- 1 (a) The amount of each contribution, the date it was received
- 2 by the bundling committee, and the statewide elective office
- 3 candidate the contributor designated as the intended recipient.
- 4 (b) Each contributor's name and address and, for each
- 5 contribution exceeding \$100.00, the contributor's occupation,
- 6 employer, and principal place of business.
- 7 (c) The total amount of bundled contributions delivered to
- 8 that candidate committee during the reporting period and during the
- 9 election cycle.
- 10 (6) For a reporting period in which a bundled contribution is
- 11 received, a candidate committee of a candidate for statewide
- 12 elective office shall report to the secretary of state, COMMISSION,
- 13 on a form provided by the secretary of state, COMMISSION, all of
- 14 the following information, as applicable, about each contribution
- 15 delivered as part of a bundled contribution received in the
- 16 reporting period and about all bundled contributions received by
- 17 that candidate committee:
- 18 (a) The amount of each contribution, the date it was received
- 19 by the candidate committee, and the name of the bundling committee
- 20 that delivered the contribution.
- (b) Each contributor's name and address and, for each
- 22 contribution exceeding \$100.00, the contributor's occupation,
- 23 employer, and principal place of business.
- 24 (c) The total amount of bundled contributions received by that
- 25 candidate committee during the reporting period and during the
- 26 election cycle.
- 27 Sec. 30. (1) A committee shall not knowingly maintain receipt

- 1 of a contribution from a person prohibited from making a
- 2 contribution during the prohibited period under section 7b of the
- 3 Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996,
- 4 1996 IL 1, MCL 432.207b.
- 5 (2) For purposes of this section, a committee is only
- 6 considered to have knowingly maintained receipt of a contribution
- 7 prohibited under subsection (1) and is subject to a penalty for
- 8 that violation if both of the following circumstances exist:
- 9 (a) The secretary of state COMMISSION has, by registered mail,
- 10 notified the committee that the committee has received a
- 11 contribution in violation of this section and has specifically
- 12 identified that contribution.
- 13 (b) The committee fails to return the contribution identified
- 14 under subdivision (a) on or before the thirtieth business day after
- 15 the date the committee receives the notification described in
- 16 subdivision (a).
- Sec. 33. (1) A committee, other than an independent committee,
- 18 an independent expenditure committee, or a political committee
- 19 required to file with the secretary of state, COMMISSION,
- 20 supporting or opposing a candidate shall file complete campaign
- 21 statements as required by this act and the rules promulgated under
- 22 this act according to the following schedule:
- 23 (a) A preelection campaign statement must be filed not later
- 24 than the eleventh day before an election. The closing date for a
- 25 campaign statement filed under this subdivision is the sixteenth
- 26 day before the election.
- (b) A postelection campaign statement must be filed not later

- 1 than the thirtieth day following the election. The closing date for
- 2 a campaign statement filed under this subdivision is the twentieth
- 3 day following the election. A committee supporting a candidate who
- 4 loses the primary election shall file closing campaign statements
- 5 in accordance with this section. If all liabilities of that
- 6 candidate or committee are paid before the closing date and
- 7 additional contributions are not expected, the campaign statement
- 8 may be filed at any time after the election, but not later than the
- 9 thirtieth day following the election.
- 10 (c) For candidate committees only, in a year in which there is
- 11 no election for the candidate the candidate committee is supporting
- 12 or opposing:
- 13 (i) Not later than July 25 with a closing date of July 20 of
- 14 that year.
- 15 (ii) Not later than October 25 with a closing date of October
- 16 20 of that year.
- 17 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1):
- 18 (a) A candidate committee shall file a preelection campaign
- 19 statement and a postelection campaign statement for each election
- 20 in which the candidate seeks nomination or election, except if an
- 21 individual becomes a candidate after the closing date for the
- 22 preelection campaign statement only the postelection campaign
- 23 statement is required for that election.
- 24 (b) A committee other than a candidate committee shall file a
- 25 campaign statement for each period during which expenditures are
- 26 made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a
- 27 candidate or for the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot

- 1 question.
- 2 (3) An independent committee, an independent expenditure
- 3 committee, or a political committee other than a house political
- 4 party caucus committee or senate political party caucus committee
- 5 required to file with the secretary of state COMMISSION shall file
- 6 campaign statements as required by this act according to the
- 7 following schedule:
- 8 (a) Not later than April 25 of each year with a closing date
- 9 of April 20 of that year.
- 10 (b) Not later than July 25 of each year with a closing date of
- 11 July 20 of that year.
- 12 (c) Not later than October 25 of each year with a closing date
- of October 20 of that year.
- 14 (4) A house political party caucus committee or a senate
- 15 political party caucus committee required to file with the
- 16 secretary of state COMMISSION or a political party committee for a
- 17 party attempting to qualify as a new political party under section
- 18 685 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.685, shall
- 19 file campaign statements as required by this act according to the
- 20 following schedule:
- 21 (a) Not later than January 31 of each year with a closing date
- of December 31 of the immediately preceding year.
- 23 (b) Not later than April 25 of each year with a closing date
- 24 of April 20 of that year.
- 25 (c) Not later than July 25 of each year with a closing date of
- 26 July 20 of that year.
- 27 (d) Not later than October 25 of each year with a closing date

- 1 of October 20 of that year.
- 2 (e) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day immediately
- 3 preceding a primary or special primary election and ending on the
- 4 day immediately following the primary or special primary election,
- 5 not later than 4 p.m. each business day with a closing date of the
- 6 immediately preceding day, only for a contribution received or
- 7 expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00 per day.
- 8 (f) For the period beginning on the fourteenth day immediately
- 9 preceding a general or special election and ending on the day
- 10 immediately following the general or special election, not later
- 11 than 4 p.m. each business day with a closing date of the
- 12 immediately preceding day, only for a contribution received or
- 13 expenditure made that exceeds \$1,000.00 per day.
- 14 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) or (4) or section 51, if an
- 15 independent expenditure is made within 45 days before a special
- 16 election by an independent committee, an independent expenditure
- 17 committee, or a political committee required to file a campaign
- 18 statement with the secretary of state, COMMISSION, the committee
- 19 shall file a report of the expenditure with the secretary of state
- 20 COMMISSION within 48 hours after the expenditure. The report must
- 21 be made on a form provided by the secretary of state COMMISSION and
- 22 must include the date of the independent expenditure, the amount of
- 23 the expenditure, a brief description of the nature of the
- 24 expenditure, and the name and address of the person to whom the
- 25 expenditure was paid. The brief description of the expenditure must
- 26 include either the name of the candidate and the office sought by
- 27 the candidate or the name of the ballot question and state whether

- 1 the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate or ballot
- 2 question. This subsection does not apply if the committee is
- 3 required to report the independent expenditure in a campaign
- 4 statement that is required to be filed before the date of the
- 5 election for which the expenditure was made.
- 6 (6) A candidate committee or a committee other than a
- 7 candidate committee that files a written statement under section
- 8 24(5) or (6) or that is automatically considered to have made a
- 9 statement under section 24(5) is not required to file a campaign
- 10 statement under subsection (1), (3), or (4) unless it received or
- 11 expended an amount in excess of \$1,000.00. If the committee
- 12 receives or expends an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 during a
- 13 period covered by a filing, the committee is then subject to the
- 14 campaign filing requirements under this act.
- 15 (7) A committee, candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 16 designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping,
- 17 report preparation, or report filing who fails to file a statement
- 18 as required by this section shall pay a late filing fee. If the
- 19 committee has raised \$10,000.00 or less during the previous 2
- 20 years, the late filing fee is \$25.00 for each business day the
- 21 statement remains unfiled, but not to exceed \$500.00. If the
- 22 committee has raised more than \$10,000.00 during the previous 2
- 23 years, the late filing fee must not exceed \$1,000.00, determined as
- 24 follows:
- 25 (a) Twenty-five dollars for each business day the report
- 26 remains unfiled.
- 27 (b) An additional \$25.00 for each business day after the first

- 1 3 business days the report remains unfiled.
- 2 (c) An additional \$50.00 for each business day after the first
- 3 10 business days the report remains unfiled.
- 4 (8) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual designated
- 5 as responsible for the committee's record keeping, report
- 6 preparation, or report filing fails to file 2 statements required
- 7 by this section or section 35 and both of the statements remain
- 8 unfiled for more than 30 days, that candidate, treasurer, or other
- 9 designated individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
- 10 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than
- **11** 90 days, or both.
- 12 (9) If a candidate is found guilty of a violation of this
- 13 section, the circuit court for that county, on application by the
- 14 attorney general or the prosecuting attorney of that county, may
- 15 prohibit that candidate from assuming the duties of a public office
- 16 or from receiving compensation from public funds, or both.
- 17 (10) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual designated
- 18 as responsible for a committee's record keeping, report
- 19 preparation, or report filing knowingly files an incomplete or
- 20 inaccurate statement or report required by this section, that
- 21 individual is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 22 (11) If a candidate, treasurer, or other individual designated
- 23 as responsible for a committee's record keeping, report
- 24 preparation, or report filing knowingly omits or underreports
- 25 individual contributions or individual expenditures required to be
- 26 disclosed by this act, that individual is subject to a civil fine
- of not more than \$1,000.00 or the amount of the contributions and

- 1 expenditures omitted or underreported, whichever is greater.
- 2 (12) If a candidate committee's account has a balance of
- 3 \$20,000.00 or more and a candidate, treasurer, or other individual
- 4 designated as responsible for that committee's record keeping,
- 5 report preparation, or report filing fails to file campaign
- 6 statements required under this act for 2 consecutive years, that
- 7 candidate, treasurer, or other individual is guilty of a felony
- 8 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 3 years or a fine of
- 9 not more than \$5,000.00, or both. Any money in a candidate
- 10 committee account described in this subsection is subject to
- 11 seizure by, and forfeiture to, this state as provided in this
- 12 section.
- 13 (13) Not more than 5 business days after seizure of money
- 14 under subsection (12), the secretary of state COMMISSION shall
- 15 deliver personally or by registered mail to the last known address
- 16 of the candidate from whom the seizure was made an inventory
- 17 statement of the money seized. The inventory statement must also
- 18 contain notice to the effect that unless demand for hearing as
- 19 provided in this section is made within 10 business days, the money
- 20 is forfeited to this state. Within 10 business days after the date
- 21 of service of the notice, the candidate may by registered mail,
- 22 facsimile transmission, or personal service file with the secretary
- 23 of state COMMISSION a demand for a hearing before the secretary of
- 24 state COMMISSION or a person designated by the secretary of state
- 25 COMMISSION for a determination as to whether the money was lawfully
- 26 subject to seizure and forfeiture. The candidate is entitled to
- 27 appear before the secretary of state COMMISSION or a person

- 1 designated by the secretary of state, COMMISSION, to be represented
- 2 by counsel, and to present testimony and argument. Upon receipt of
- 3 a request for hearing, the secretary of state COMMISSION or a
- 4 person designated by the secretary of state COMMISSION shall hold
- 5 the hearing within 15 business days. The hearing is not a contested
- 6 case proceeding and is not subject to the administrative procedures
- 7 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. After the hearing,
- 8 the secretary of state COMMISSION or a person designated by the
- 9 secretary of state COMMISSION shall render a decision in writing
- 10 within 10 business days of the hearing and, by order, shall either
- 11 declare the money subject to seizure and forfeiture or declare the
- 12 money returnable to the candidate. If, within 10 business days
- 13 after the date of service of the inventory statement, the candidate
- 14 does not file with the secretary of state COMMISSION a demand for a
- 15 hearing before the secretary of state COMMISSION or a person
- 16 designated by the secretary of state, COMMISSION, the money seized
- 17 is forfeited to this state by operation of law. If, after a hearing
- 18 before the secretary of state COMMISSION or a person designated by
- 19 the secretary of state, COMMISSION, the secretary of state
- 20 COMMISSION or a person designated by the secretary of state
- 21 COMMISSION determines that the money is lawfully subject to seizure
- 22 and forfeiture and the candidate does not appeal to the circuit
- 23 court of the county in which the seizure was made within the time
- 24 prescribed in this section, the money seized is forfeited to this
- 25 state by operation of law. If a candidate is aggrieved by the
- 26 decision of the secretary of state COMMISSION or a person
- 27 designated by the secretary of state, COMMISSION, that candidate

- 1 may appeal to the circuit court of the county where the seizure was
- 2 made to obtain a judicial determination of the lawfulness of the
- 3 seizure and forfeiture. The action must be commenced within 20 days
- 4 after notice of a determination by the secretary of state
- 5 COMMISSION or a person designated by the secretary of state
- 6 COMMISSION is sent to the candidate. The court shall hear the
- 7 action and determine the issues of fact and law involved in
- 8 accordance with rules of practice and procedure as in other in rem
- 9 proceedings.
- 10 Sec. 36. (1) A candidate committee for a state elective office
- 11 or a judicial office shall file a copy of the campaign statement
- 12 required under this act with the secretary of state. COMMISSION.
- 13 The secretary of state COMMISSION shall reproduce the copy and
- 14 transmit the reproduction to the clerk of the county of residence
- 15 of the candidate.
- 16 (2) A ballot question committee supporting or opposing a
- 17 statewide ballot question shall file a copy of the campaign
- 18 statement required under this act with the secretary of state
- 19 COMMISSION and with the clerk of the most populous county in the
- 20 state. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a ballot
- 21 question committee supporting or opposing a ballot question to be
- voted upon in more than 1 county, but not statewide, shall file a
- 23 copy of the campaign statement required under this act with the
- 24 clerk of the county in which the greatest number of registered
- 25 voters eligible to vote on the ballot question reside. Except as
- 26 otherwise provided in this subsection, a ballot question committee
- 27 supporting or opposing a ballot question to be voted upon within a

- 1 single county shall file a copy of the campaign statement required
- 2 under this act only with the clerk of that county. If a ballot
- 3 question committee is registered with the secretary of state
- 4 COMMISSION and is supporting or opposing a nonstatewide ballot
- 5 question, that ballot question committee is only required to file
- 6 the campaign statement required under this act with the secretary
- 7 of state.COMMISSION.
- 8 (3) A political party committee shall file a copy of the
- 9 campaign statement required under this act with the secretary of
- 10 state. COMMISSION. The secretary of state COMMISSION shall
- 11 reproduce a copy of the campaign statement of a political party
- 12 committee that is a county committee and file the copy with the
- 13 clerk of the county where the county committee 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 eliqible to vote on
- 19 the office reside.
- 20 (5) If a committee is registered with the secretary of state
- 21 COMMISSION and is supporting or opposing the recall of a local
- 22 elective officeholder, that committee is only required to file the
- 23 campaign statement required under this act with the secretary of
- 24 state COMMISSION.
- 25 (6) A committee not covered under subsection (1), (2), (3),
- 26 (4), or (5) shall file a copy of the campaign statement required
- 27 under this act with the secretary of state, COMMISSION, except that

- 1 a committee reporting contributions or expenditures for a candidate
- 2 within only 1 county shall file a statement only with the clerk of
- 3 that county.
- 4 (7) A local unit of government that receives copies of
- 5 campaign statements under this section shall make the statements
- 6 available for public inspection and reproduction during regular
- 7 business hours of the local unit of government. The local unit of
- 8 government shall make the statements available as soon as
- 9 practicable after receipt, but not later than the third business
- 10 day following the day on which they are received.
- 11 Sec. 46. (1) At the beginning of every odd numbered year, the
- 12 secretary of state COMMISSION shall recommend adjustments to and
- which shall be approved by the legislature of the dollar value
- 14 floor for reporting of the name, address, occupation, and employer,
- or principal place of business of persons who make contributions
- 16 pursuant to this act, on the basis of the consumer price index
- 17 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX and the number of registered voters in the
- 18 state.
- 19 (2) Beginning January 1, 2019 and every 4 years thereafter,
- 20 the secretary of state-COMMISSION shall adjust the dollar value
- 21 contribution limits provided in sections 52, 52a, and 69(1). The
- 22 secretary of state COMMISSION shall adjust the limits in sections
- 23 52, 52a, and 69(1) by comparing the percentage increase or decrease
- 24 in the consumer price index CONSUMER PRICE INDEX for the preceding
- 25 August by the corresponding consumer price index CONSUMER PRICE
- 26 INDEX 4 years earlier. The secretary of state COMMISSION shall
- 27 multiply that percentage change by the amounts in sections 52, 52a,

- 1 and 69(1). The secretary of state COMMISSION shall round up each
- 2 dollar value adjustment made under this subsection to the nearest
- 3 \$25.00. The secretary of state-COMMISSION shall announce the
- 4 adjustments made under this subsection by December 15 of each year.
- 5 (3) As used in this section, "consumer price index" "CONSUMER
- 6 PRICE INDEX" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices
- 7 available for the Detroit area from the bureau of labor statistics
- 8 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS of the United States department of
- 9 labor. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
- 10 Sec. 51. (1) A person, other than a committee, that makes an
- 11 independent expenditure, advocating the election or defeat of a
- 12 candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot
- 13 question, in an amount of \$100.01 or more in a calendar year shall
- 14 file a report of the independent expenditure, within 10 days after
- 15 making that independent expenditure, with the clerk of the county
- 16 of residence of that person. If the independent expenditure
- 17 advocates the election or defeat of a candidate for state elective
- 18 office or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a statewide
- 19 ballot question, or if the person making the independent
- 20 expenditure is not a resident of this state, the person shall file
- 21 the report with the secretary of state COMMISSION in lieu of filing
- 22 with a clerk of a county. The report required under this section
- 23 must be made on an independent expenditure report form provided by
- 24 the secretary of state, COMMISSION, include the date of the
- 25 expenditure, a brief description of the nature of the expenditure,
- 26 the amount, the name and address of the person to whom it was paid,
- 27 the name and address of the person filing the report, together with

- 1 the name, address, occupation, employer, and principal place of
- 2 business of each person that contributed \$100.01 or more to the
- 3 expenditure, and identify the candidate or ballot question for or
- 4 against which the independent expenditure was made. The filing
- 5 official receiving the report shall forward copies, as required, to
- 6 the appropriate filing officers as described in section 36.
- 7 (2) If a person fails to file a report as required under this
- 8 section, that person shall pay a late filing fee. If the person has
- 9 made independent expenditures totaling less than \$10,000.00, the
- 10 late filing fee is \$25.00 for each business day the report remains
- 11 unfiled, but not to exceed \$1,000.00. If the person has made
- independent expenditures totaling \$10,000.00 or more, the late
- 13 filing fee is \$50.00 for each business day the report remains
- 14 unfiled, but not to exceed \$5,000.00. A person that violates this
- 15 subsection by failing to file a report required under this section
- 16 for more than 30 days after the report is required to be filed is
- 17 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more
- 18 than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
- 19 Sec. 55. (1) A connected organization may make an expenditure
- 20 for the establishment or administration of, and solicitation,
- 21 collection, or transfer of contributions to, a separate segregated
- 22 fund to be used for political purposes. A separate segregated fund
- 23 established by a connected organization under this section shall be
- 24 organized as a political committee or an independent committee,
- 25 and, in addition to any other disbursements not restricted or
- 26 prohibited by law, shall only make contributions to, and
- 27 expenditures on behalf of, candidate committees, ballot question

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

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

- 1 connected organization may be collected by or made payable first to
- 2 the connected organization for subsequent transfer to the separate
- 3 segregated fund if all of the following occur:
- 4 (a) The individual making the contribution does either of the
- 5 following:
- 6 (i) Specifically indicates in a record or electronic record
- 7 that the amount collected, or a specified portion of the total
- 8 amount if remitted as part of a dues or other payment to the
- 9 connected organization, is a contribution to the separate
- 10 segregated fund.
- 11 (ii) Fails to return a record or electronic record described
- 12 in subparagraph (i), but remits payment to the connected
- 13 organization in response to a specifically requested amount that
- 14 includes a solicited contribution, the solicitation for a
- 15 contribution was clearly distinguishable from any dues or other
- 16 fees requested as part of the total, and the connected organization
- 17 maintains a record or electronic record of the solicitation that
- 18 includes the amount of the solicited contribution and the amount of
- 19 any dues or other fees charged in conjunction with the solicitation
- 20 for each contributor.
- 21 (b) The connected organization transfers the entire specified
- 22 amount of any designated contribution, individually or aggregated
- 23 with other contributions, to the separate segregated fund
- 24 electronically or by written instrument. Any transfer of designated
- 25 contributions must be accompanied by or logically associated with a
- 26 record or electronic record setting forth all information required
- 27 under section 26 for each individual contributor whose contribution

- 1 is transferred.
- 2 (c) The connected organization accounts for any contributions
- 3 under this subsection in a manner that documents all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (i) The identity of the individual contributor.
- 6 (ii) The date, amount, and method of receipt for each
- 7 individual contribution.
- 8 (iii) The date, amount, and method of all transfers to the
- 9 separate segregated fund.
- 10 (d) The connected organization and the separate segregated
- 11 fund adopt a written policy governing the handling, accounting, and
- 12 transfer of any contribution under this subsection.
- 13 (e) In connection with an investigation or hearing under
- 14 section 15 regarding any contributions under this subsection, the
- 15 connected organization voluntarily agrees to make available to the
- 16 secretary of state COMMISSION any records described in subdivisions
- 17 (a) to (d) and provides those records at the request of the
- 18 secretary of state. COMMISSION.
- 19 (8) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (10), a person
- 20 who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a felony
- 21 punishable, if the person is an individual, by a fine of not more
- 22 than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both,
- 23 or, if the person is not an individual, by a fine of not more than
- 24 \$10,000.00.
- 25 (9) If a connected organization that obtains contributions for
- 26 a separate segregated fund from individuals described in subsection
- **27** (2), (3), (4), or (5) pays to 1 or more of those individuals a

- 1 bonus or other remuneration for the purpose of reimbursing those
- 2 contributions, then that connected organization is subject to a
- 3 civil fine of not more than 2 times the total contributions
- 4 obtained from all individuals for the separate segregated fund
- 5 during that calendar year.
- 6 (10) If a violation of this section results solely from the
- 7 failure of a connected organization to transfer 1 or more
- 8 contributions, that connected organization is not guilty of a
- 9 felony as described in subsection (8), but shall notify the
- 10 contributor of the failure to transfer the contribution and refund
- 11 the full amount of the contribution to the contributor if
- 12 requested. The penalties described in subsection (8) apply to any
- 13 other violation of this section, including use or diversion of any
- 14 contributions by a connected organization before those
- 15 contributions are transferred to the separate segregated fund under
- 16 subsection (7).
- 17 (11) As used in this section:
- 18 (a) "Connected organization" means either of the following:
- 19 (i) A corporation organized on a for-profit or nonprofit
- 20 basis, a joint stock company, a domestic dependent sovereign, or a
- 21 labor organization formed under the laws of this or another state
- 22 or foreign country.
- 23 (ii) A member of any entity under subparagraph (i) that is not
- 24 an individual and that does not maintain its own separate
- 25 segregated fund, unless its separate segregated fund and the
- 26 separate segregated fund of the entity of which it is a member are
- 27 treated as a single independent committee as provided in section

- **1** 52(10).
- 2 (b) "Record" and "electronic record" mean those terms as
- 3 defined in section 2 of the uniform electronic transactions act,
- 4 2000 PA 305, MCL 450.832.
- 5 (c) "Written instrument" means a money order, or a check,
- 6 cashier's check, or other negotiable instrument, as those terms are
- 7 defined in section 3104 of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA
- 8 174, MCL 440.3104, in the name of the connected organization and
- 9 payable to the separate segregated fund.
- 10 Sec. 57. (1) A public body or a person acting for a public
- 11 body shall not use or authorize the use of funds, personnel, office
- 12 space, computer hardware or software, property, stationery,
- 13 postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public resources
- 14 to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal
- 15 services that are excluded from the definition of contribution
- under section 4(3)(a). The prohibition under this subsection
- 17 includes, but is not limited to, using or authorizing the use of
- 18 public resources to establish or administer a payroll deduction
- 19 plan to directly or indirectly collect or deliver a contribution
- 20 to, or make an expenditure for, a committee. Advance payment or
- 21 reimbursement to a public body does not cure a use of public
- 22 resources otherwise prohibited by this subsection. This subsection
- 23 does not apply to any of the following:
- 24 (a) The expression of views by an elected or appointed public
- 25 official who has policy making responsibilities.
- 26 (b) Subject to subsection (3), the THE production or
- 27 dissemination of factual information concerning issues relevant to

- 1 the function of the public body.
- 2 (c) The production or dissemination of debates, interviews,
- 3 commentary, or information by a broadcasting station, newspaper,
- 4 magazine, or other periodical or publication in the regular course
- 5 of broadcasting or publication.
- 6 (d) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 7 behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an equal
- 8 opportunity to use the public facility.
- 9 (e) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
- 10 behalf of, a public body if that facility is primarily used as a
- 11 family dwelling and is not used to conduct a fund-raising event.
- 12 (f) An elected or appointed public official or an employee of
- 13 a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on his
- 14 or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own personal
- 15 views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is providing
- 16 his or her own personal volunteer services.
- 17 (2) If the secretary of state COMMISSION has dismissed a
- 18 complaint filed under section 15(5) alleging that a public body or
- 19 person acting for a public body used or authorized the use of
- 20 public resources to establish or administer a payroll deduction
- 21 plan to collect or deliver a contribution to, or make an
- 22 expenditure for, a committee in violation of this section, or if
- 23 the secretary of state COMMISSION enters into a conciliation
- 24 agreement under section 15(10) that does not prevent a public body
- 25 or a person acting for a public body to use or authorize the use of
- 26 public resources to establish or administer a payroll deduction
- 27 plan to collect or deliver a contribution to, or make an

- 1 expenditure for, a committee in violation of this section, the
- 2 following apply:
- 3 (a) The complainant or any other person who resides, or has a
- 4 place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
- 5 authorization of the use of public resources occurred may bring a
- 6 civil action against the public body or person acting for the
- 7 public body to seek declaratory, injunctive, mandamus, or other
- 8 equitable relief and to recover losses that a public body suffers
- 9 from the violation of this section.
- 10 (b) If the complainant or any other person who resides, or has
- 11 a place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
- 12 authorization of the use of public resources occurred prevails in
- 13 an action initiated under this subsection, a court shall award the
- 14 complainant or any other person necessary expenses, costs, and
- 15 reasonable attorney fees.
- 16 (c) Any amount awarded or equitable relief granted by a court
- 17 under this subsection may be awarded or granted against the public
- 18 body or an individual acting for the public body, or both, that
- 19 violates this section, as determined by the court.
- 20 (d) A complainant or any other person who resides, or has a
- 21 place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
- 22 authorization of the use of public resources occurred may bring a
- 23 civil action under this subsection in any county in which venue is
- 24 proper. Process issued by a court in which an action is filed under
- 25 this subsection may be served anywhere in this state.
- 26 (3) Except for an election official in the performance of his
- 27 or her duties under the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL

- 1 168.1 to 168.992, a public body, or a person acting for a public
- 2 body, shall not, during the period 60 days before an election in
- 3 which a local ballot question appears on a ballot, use public funds
- 4 or resources for a communication by means of radio, television,
- 5 mass mailing, or prerecorded telephone message if that
- 6 communication references a local ballot question and is targeted to
- 7 the relevant electorate where the local ballot question appears on
- 8 the ballot.
- 9 (3) (4) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
- 10 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
- 11 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1
- 12 year, or both, or if the person is not an individual, by 1 of the
- 13 following, whichever is greater:
- 14 (a) A fine of not more than \$20,000.00.
- 15 (b) A fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution or
- 16 expenditure.
- Sec. 63. (1) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall receive
- 18 and keep a record of each candidate's certified statements of
- 19 qualifying contributions. A statement shall MUST include in
- 20 alphabetical order the full name and street address of each person
- 21 from whom a qualifying contribution is received during the
- 22 reporting period, together with the amount of each contribution and
- 23 the date received by the treasurer of the committee.
- 24 (2) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall promptly notify a
- 25 candidate for nomination for governor when that candidate qualifies
- 26 under this act to receive moneys MONEY from the state campaign
- **27** fund.

- 1 (3) If a candidate desires to receive moneys MONEY from the
- 2 state campaign fund and received notice of qualification for
- 3 funding under subsection (2), the candidate shall apply to the
- 4 secretary of state. COMMISSION. The candidate shall state the
- 5 amount of moneys MONEY desired from the state campaign fund in the
- 6 application. The candidate shall state in the application for state
- 7 campaign fund money that the candidate and the candidate's
- 8 committee agree to adhere to expenditure limitations stated in
- 9 section 67.
- 10 (4) The secretary of state COMMISSION shall determine the
- 11 maximum amount for which the candidate qualifies under this act.
- 12 The secretary of state COMMISSION shall forward information as to
- 13 this amount and the application for funding to the state treasurer.
- 14 (5) The state treasurer shall issue a warrant drawn on the
- 15 state campaign fund for an amount equal to the maximum amount which
- 16 THAT the candidate is qualified to receive or the amount applied
- 17 for, whichever is less. The warrant shall not be issued before
- 18 January 1 of the year in which the election for governor is to be
- **19** held.
- 20 Sec. 64. (1) A candidate in a primary election may obtain
- 21 funds MONEY from the state campaign fund in an amount equal to
- 22 \$2.00 for each \$1.00 of qualifying contribution if the candidate
- 23 certifies to the secretary of state COMMISSION both of the
- 24 following:
- 25 (a) That the candidate committee of the candidate received
- 26 \$75,000.00 or more of qualifying contributions.
- 27 (b) That the full name and address of each person making a

- 1 qualifying contribution is recorded by the candidate committee of
- 2 the candidate certifying. This requirement is in addition to and
- 3 not in lieu of any other requirements relating to the recording and
- 4 reporting of contributions.
- 5 (2) A candidate is not entitled to funds MONEY from the state
- 6 campaign fund for a primary election if it is determined the name
- 7 of the candidate is ineligible to appear on the primary election
- 8 ballot pursuant to UNDER section 53 of the Michigan election law,
- 9 Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being section
- 10 168.53 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.53. A
- 11 candidate who does not file nominating petitions for the office of
- 12 governor or who files an insufficient petition for that office
- 13 shall return all funds MONEY received from the state campaign fund
- 14 for that primary election.
- 15 (3) A candidate shall not receive from the state campaign fund
- 16 for a primary more than \$990,000.00.
- 17 (4) For purposes of this section, primary election is the
- 18 election described in section 52 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts
- 19 of 1954, as amended, being section 168.52 of the Michigan Compiled
- 20 Laws. THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.52.
- 21 Sec. 65. (1) A major political party nominee is entitled to an
- amount from the state campaign fund of not more than \$1,125,000.00
- 23 for a general election. A candidate, subject to law, may raise the
- 24 remaining amount of the permissible expenditure limit in private
- 25 contributions. An eligible candidate in a general election may
- 26 elect to accept partial payment of money from the state campaign
- 27 fund and instead raise private contributions as provided by law

- 1 that, when added to the amount received from the state campaign
- 2 fund, do not exceed the expenditure limit designated in section 67.
- 3 (2) A minor political party nominee whose party received 5% or
- 4 more of the vote for the same office in the last election is
- 5 entitled to an amount from the state campaign fund of not more than
- 6 \$1,125,000.00, multiplied by the number of popular votes the minor
- 7 party received in the preceding general election for governor and
- 8 then divided by the average number of votes the major parties
- 9 received in that general election for governor.
- 10 (3) A minor political party nominee not eligible under
- 11 subsection (2) but who receives more than 5% of the vote in that
- 12 general election for governor is entitled to reimbursement from the
- 13 state campaign fund in an amount of not more than \$1,125,000.00,
- 14 multiplied by the number of popular votes the minor party received
- in the preceding general election for governor and then divided by
- 16 the average number of votes the major parties received in that
- 17 general election for governor.
- 18 (4) A minor political party nominee qualified under subsection
- 19 (2) who receives more popular votes in an election than the
- 20 candidate of that minor political party received at the preceding
- 21 election is entitled to additional reimbursement from the state
- 22 campaign fund in an amount determined as follows:
- 23 (a) Compute the amount that the candidate would have received
- 24 under subsection (3) had the candidate otherwise qualified.
- 25 (b) Subtract the amount received under subsection (2) from the
- 26 amount computed under subdivision (a).
- 27 (5) A candidate listed on the ballot in the general election

- 1 is entitled to \$1.00 for each \$1.00 of qualifying contributions
- 2 certified to the secretary of state pursuant to COMMISSION UNDER
- 3 this act up to \$750,000.00, if the candidate has certified to the
- 4 secretary of state COMMISSION \$75,000.00 or more in qualifying
- 5 contributions. A candidate who chooses to receive any public funds
- 6 MONEY under this subsection shall not receive any money under
- 7 subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4).
- 8 (6) A major political party nominee shall receive from the
- 9 state treasurer \$56,250.00 of the funds MONEY that the candidate
- 10 may be entitled to under this section not later than 10 days after
- 11 the primary election, unless there is less than a 2% difference in
- 12 vote totals of the top 2 primary election candidates of the same
- 13 political party according to unofficial vote totals available to
- 14 the secretary of state. COMMISSION. The balance of any funds MONEY
- 15 owed to a major political party nominee under this section shall be
- 16 IS payable by the state treasurer within 3 days after the board of
- 17 state canvassers' certification of the primary election results,
- 18 but not later than 30 days after the primary election. Any funds
- 19 MONEY paid to a major political party nominee under this section
- 20 either erroneously or based on election results that are reversed
- 21 due to a recount or fraud shall MUST be repaid by that major
- 22 political party nominee to the state treasurer within 60 days of
- 23 receipt of notification by certified mail from the state treasurer.
- Sec. 69. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) or (10) and
- 25 subject to section 46, a person other than an independent committee
- 26 or a political party committee shall not make contributions to a
- 27 candidate committee of a candidate that are more than \$6,800.00 in

- 1 value for an election cycle.
- 2 (2) Except as provided in subsection (11), an independent
- 3 committee shall not make contributions to a candidate committee
- 4 that for an election cycle are more than 10 times the amount
- 5 permitted a person other than an independent committee or political
- 6 party committee in subsection (1).
- 7 (3) A political party committee that is a state central
- 8 committee shall not make contributions to a candidate committee
- 9 that for an election cycle are more than \$750,000.00.
- 10 (4) A political party committee that is a congressional
- 11 district or county committee shall not make contributions to a
- 12 candidate committee that for an election cycle are more than
- **13** \$30,000.00.
- 14 (5) A candidate committee, a candidate, or a treasurer or
- 15 agent shall not accept a contribution with respect to an election
- 16 cycle that exceeds a limitation in subsections (1) to (4), or (10).
- 17 (6) As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means a
- 18 spouse, parent, brother, sister, son, or daughter. A candidate and
- 19 members of that candidate's immediate family may not contribute in
- 20 total to that person's candidate committee an amount that is more
- 21 than \$50,000.00 in value for an election cycle. AS USED IN THIS
- 22 SUBSECTION, "IMMEDIATE FAMILY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL'S FATHER,
- 23 MOTHER, SON, DAUGHTER, BROTHER, SISTER, AND SPOUSE AND A RELATIVE
- 24 OF ANY DEGREE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THAT INDIVIDUAL.
- 25 (7) Sections 5(3) and 52(6) apply to determining when an
- 26 election cycle begins and ends and to which election cycle a
- 27 particular contribution is attributed.

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

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