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## SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED NO. SB 54 - 2/22/2017

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: The Committee on Legislative Procedure at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding campaign finance
- 2 requirements.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That section 3 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 5 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 6 Section 3. That § 12-27-1 be amended to read:
- 7 12-27-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:
- 8 (1) "Ballot question," any referendum, initiative, proposed constitutional amendment, or 9 other measure submitted to voters at any election;
- 10 (2) "Ballot question committee," a person or or organization entity that raises, collects, or
- disburses contributions for the placement of  $\frac{1}{2}$  any ballot question on the ballot or the
- adoption or defeat of any ballot question. A ballot question committee is not a
- person<del>, or political committee, or political party</del> that makes a contribution to a ballot
- question committee. A ballot question committee is not an organization entity that



makes a contribution to a ballot question committee from treasury funds;

- "Candidate campaign committee," any entity committee organized by a candidate to receive contributions and make expenditures for the candidate. Only one candidate campaign committee may be organized for each candidate and only one statewide candidate campaign committee may be organized for each candidate. A candidate may, simultaneously, have both a legislative campaign committee and a statewide campaign committee;
  - (4) "Candidate," any person who seeks nomination for or election to public office. A person is a candidate if the person raises, collects, or disburses contributions in excess of five hundred dollars; has authorized the solicitation of contributions or the making of expenditures; has been certified as a candidate by a political party or has created a candidate campaign committee for the purpose of obtaining public office; or has taken all actions required by state law to qualify for nomination for or election to public office;
  - (5) "Clearly identified," the appearance of the name, nickname, a photograph or a drawing of a candidate or public office holder, or the unambiguous reference to the identity of a candidate or public office holder;
  - (6) "Contribution," any gift, advance, distribution, deposit, or payment of money or any other valuable consideration, or any contract, promise or agreement to do so; any discount or rebate not available to the general public; any forgiveness of indebtedness or payment of indebtedness by another person; or any use of services or property without full payment or that is provided by any person; or political committee, or political party whose primary business is to provide services or property, made for the purpose of influencing:

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1 The nomination, election, or re-election of any person to public office; or (a) 2 (b) The placement of a ballot question on the ballot or the adoption or defeat of 3 any ballot question submitted. 4 The term does not include services provided by a person as a volunteer for or on 5 behalf of any candidate, or political committee, or political party, including the free 6 or discounted use of a person's residence. Nor does the term include the purchase of 7 any item of value or service from any political committee or political party. The 8 purchase price of the item may not exceed the fair market value and may not include 9 an intent to contribute beyond the item's value. A contribution does not include 10 administration or and solicitation of a contribution for a political action committee established by an organization entity or its associated expenses, nor the use of an 11 12 organization's entity's real or personal property located on its business premises for 13 such purposes. A contribution does not include nominal use of a candidate's real or 14 personal property or nominal use of resources available at a candidate's primary place 15 of business; 16 (7) "County office," any elected office at a county in this state; 17 (8) "Election," any election for public office; any general, special, primary, or runoff 18 election; and any election on a ballot question; 19 (9) "Expressly advocate," any communication that:

(a) In context has no other reasonable meaning than to encourage urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates, or public office holders, or the placement of a ballot question on the ballot or the adoption or defeat of any ballot question using explicit words of advocacy of election or defeat such as: vote, re-elect, support, cast your ballot for, reject, and defeat; or

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1		(b) If ta	ken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the
2		prox	ximity to the election, may only be interpreted by a reasonable person as
3		con	taining advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified
4		cano	didates or public office holders, or the placement of a ballot question on
5		the	ballot or the adoption or defeat of any ballot question because:
6		(i)	The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable,
7			unambiguous, or and suggestive of only one meaning; and
8		(ii)	Reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions
9			to elect or defeat one or more clearly identified candidates or public
10			office holders, or the placement of a ballot question on the ballot or the
11			adoption or defeat of any ballot question or encourages some other kind
12			of action;
13	(10)	"Immediat	e family," a spouse of a candidate or public office holder; a person under
14		the age of	eighteen years who is claimed by that candidate or public office holder or
15		that candid	late's or public office holder's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax
16		purposes;	or any relative within the third degree of kinship of the candidate or the
17		candidate's	s spouse, and the spouses of such relatives;
18	(11)	"Independ	ent <u>communication</u> expenditure," an expenditure, including the payment
19		of money o	or exchange of other valuable consideration or promise, made by a person,
20		organizatio	on, entity, or political committee, or political party to expressly advocate
21		the election	on or defeat of a clearly identified for a communication concerning a
22		candidate of	or the placement of a ballot question on the ballot or the adoption or defeat
23		of any bal	lot question, but which is not made to, controlled by, coordinated with,
24		requested	by, or made upon consultation with a candidate, political committee, or

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1		agent of a candidate or political committee. The term does not include administration
2		or and solicitation or of any contribution for a political action committee established
3		by an organization entity and associated expenses, nor the use of an organization's
4		entity's real or personal property located on it business premises for such purposes.
5		The term does not include any communication by a person made in the regular course
6		and scope of the person's business or ministry or any communication made by a
7		membership organization solely to any member of the organization and the member's
8		family;
9	(12)	"In-kind Donated good or service," a good or service provided at no charge or for less
10		than its fair market value. The term does not include the value of services provided
11		by a person as a volunteer for or on behalf of any candidate, or political committee,
12		or political party, including the free or discounted use of the volunteer's residence or
13		office;
14	(12A)	"Itemize," to create a detailed list including the amount spent, what the funds were
15		spent on, or donated to, and the contributor's name and mailing address;
16	(13)	"Legislative office," the Senate and the House of Representatives of the South
17		Dakota Legislature;
18	(14)	"Loan," a transfer of money, property, guarantee, or anything of value in exchange
19		for an obligation, conditional or not, to repay in whole or part;
20	(14A)	"Mailing address," includes street or PO Box, city, state, and zip code;
21	(15)	"Organization Entity," any business corporation, limited liability company, nonprofit
22		corporation, limited liability partnership, <u>limited liability</u> limited partnership,
23		partnership, cooperative, trust except for a trust account representing or containing
24		only a contributor's personal funds, a business trust, association, club, labor union,

or collective bargaining organization; any local, state, or national organization to which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based upon its affiliation or and membership; any trade or professional association that receives its funds from membership dues or service fees, whether organized inside or outside the state; any other entity <del>organized in a corporate form under federal law or the laws of</del> this state of any kind, except a natural person that is, has been, or could be recognized by law; or any group of persons acting in concert that is not defined as a political committee or political party in this chapter except, an entity is not a candidate, a public office holder, or a political committee; "Person," a natural person;

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- (17)"Political action committee," any person or organization entity that raises, collects or disburses contributions to influence the outcome of an election and who is not a candidate, public officer holder, candidate campaign committee, ballot question committee, or a political party. A political action committee is not any:
  - Person who makes a contribution to a political committee or political party; (a) or
  - (b) Organization Entity that makes a contribution to a ballot question committee from treasury funds;
- "Political committee," any candidate campaign committee, political action (18)committee, political party, or ballot question committee;
- 21 "Political party," any state or county political party qualified to participate in a (19)22 primary or general election, including any auxiliary organization of such political 23 party. An auxiliary organization is any organization designated as an auxiliary 24 organization in a the political party's bylaws or constitution except any auxiliary

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1		organization that only accepts contributions to support volunteer activities of the
2		organization and does not make monetary or in-kind contributions or contribute
3		donated goods or services or any independent communication expenditures to any
4		political committee except a political party;
5	(20)	"Public office," any statewide office, legislative office, or county office;
6	<del>(21)</del>	-"Statewide office," the office of Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
7		attorney general, state auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of school and public
8		lands, and public utilities commissioner;
9	<u>(21)</u>	"Treasurer," the treasurer is:
10		(a) The person who is designated as and has agreed to serve as the person
11		responsible for each required filing that a committee is required to make under
12		this title; and
13		(b) The person who may be responsible for any monetary penalty assessed in
14		accordance with this chapter.
15		If a candidate is not the treasurer of the candidate's campaign committee, the penalty
16		of a candidate being decertified, pursuant to this chapter, remains.
17		Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a candidate is jointly and severally
18		responsible with the treasurer of the candidate's campaign committee for each
19		monetary fine and penalty imposed by this chapter;
20	(22)	"Treasury funds," funds of an organization entity not raised or collected from any
21		other source for the purpose of influencing a ballot question;
22	(23)	"Volunteer," any person who provides services free of charge.
23	Section	on 2. That § 12-27-2 be amended to read:
24	12-27	7-2. A political committee shall have and continually maintain a chair and a treasurer,

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1 which may be the same person. The chair and treasurer for a candidate campaign committee

- 2 shall be appointed by the candidate, and the candidate may serve as either, or both, such officers.
- 3 One person may serve as chair, candidate, treasurer, or any combination thereof. No political
- 4 committee may receive or make contributions or pay expenses while the office of treasurer is
- 5 vacant. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- 6 Section 3. That § 12-27-3 be amended to read:
- 7 12-27-3. The treasurer for a political action committee shall file a statement of organization
- 8 with the secretary of state not later than fifteen days after the date upon which the committee
- 9 made contributions, received contributions, or paid expenses in excess of five hundred dollars.
- However, if such activity falls within thirty days of any statewide election, the statement of
- organization shall be filed within forty-eight hours. A
- Notwithstanding the provisions above, a candidate shall file a statement of organization for
- a candidate campaign committee with the secretary of state not later than fifteen days after
- becoming a candidate pursuant to this chapter. The statement of organization may be filed
- electronically pursuant to § 12-27-41.
- 16 If the treasurer for a ballot question committee does not file a statement of organization
- pursuant to chapter 2-1, the treasurer shall file a statement of organization with the secretary of
- state not later than fifteen days after the date which the committee made contributions, received
- 19 contributions, or paid expenses in excess of five hundred dollars. However, if such activity falls
- 20 within thirty days of any statewide election, the statement of organization shall be filed within
- 21 <u>forty-eight hours.</u>
- A political committee that regularly files a campaign finance disclosure statement with
- 23 another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report of contributions and expenditures
- 24 with the Internal Revenue Service is not required to file a statement of organization. A violation

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- of this section is a Class 2 Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 2 Section 4. That § 12-27-4 be repealed.
- 3 12-27-4. A political committee may incorporate and not be subject to the provisions of § 12-
- 4 27-18 if the political committee incorporates for liability purposes only. Notwithstanding the
- 5 corporate status of the political committee, the treasurer of an incorporated political committee
- 6 remains personally responsible for carrying out the treasurer's duties under this chapter.
- 7 Section 5. That § 12-27-5 be repealed.
- 8 12-27-5. A political committee created prior to July 1, 2007 that has not filed a termination
- 9 statement shall file a statement of organization with the secretary of state not later than fifteen
- days after this chapter becomes effective. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- 11 Section 6. That § 12-27-6 be amended to read:
- 12 12-27-6. The statement of organization shall include:
- 13 (1) The name, street address, postal address, and daytime mailing address, and street
- 14 <u>address if different than the mailing address, and</u> telephone number of the committee;
- 15 (2) The name, street address, postal address, and daytime mailing address, and street
- address if different than the mailing address, and telephone number of the chair and
- 17 the treasurer of the committee;
- 18 (3) A statement of the type of political committee that has been or is being organized;
- 19 (4) In the case of a candidate campaign committee, the <u>name of the candidate</u>, the <u>name</u>
- 20 <u>of the candidate's</u> committee name, street address, and name and postal address of the
- 21 candidate, office the candidate is seeking, mailing address, and the street address if
- different than the mailing address; and
- 23 (5) In the case of a political action committee or ballot question committee, a concise
- statement of its purpose and goals, and the full name, street address, and postal

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1 address mailing address, and the street address if different than the mailing address 2 of the organization entity with which the committee is connected or affiliated, or if 3 the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization entity, the 4 trade, profession, or primary interest of the committee. 5 The statement shall be signed by the candidate and treasurer for a candidate campaign 6 committee and by the chair and treasurer for other political committees or and filed 7 electronically pursuant to § 12-27-41. A political committee continues to exist until a 8 termination statement is filed pursuant to §§ 12-27-25 and 12-27-26. 9 The treasurer of a political committee shall file an updated statement of organization not 10 later than fifteen days after any change in the information contained on the most recently filed 11 statement of organization. 12 Any correspondence regarding reporting deadlines, delinquent reports, administrative 13 penalties, and administrative hearings may only be sent to the treasurer listed on the most 14 current statement of organization on file. 15 Section 7. That section 4 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the 16 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read: 17 Section 4. That § 12-27-7 be amended to read: 18 12-27-7. If a contributor is a person or an entity, no candidate for statewide office or the 19 candidate's campaign committee may accept any contribution that in the aggregate exceeds four 20 thousand dollars during any calendar year. If the contributor is a political action committee, no 21 candidate for statewide office or the candidate's campaign committee may accept any 22 contribution that in the aggregate exceeds ten thousand dollars during any calendar year. A 23 candidate campaign committee may accept unlimited contributions from any candidate 24 campaign committee or political party. A candidate campaign committee may only accept

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1 contributions from any candidate campaign committee, political action committee, entity,

- 2 <u>person</u>, or political party <u>pursuant to the limits stated in this chapter</u>. The limitation on any
- 3 contribution from a person in this section does not apply to any contribution by the candidate
- 4 or the candidate's immediate family. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 5 Section 8. That section 5 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 6 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 7 Section 5. That § 12-27-8 be amended to read:
- 8 12-27-8. If the contributor is a person <u>or entity</u>, no candidate for legislative or county office
- 9 or the candidate's campaign committee may accept any contribution that in the aggregate
- 10 exceeds one thousand dollars during any calendar year. If the contributor is a South Dakota
- political action committee, no legislative or county candidate may accept any contribution that
- in the aggregate exceeds ten thousand dollars in any calendar year. A candidate campaign
- 13 committee may accept unlimited contributions from any candidate campaign committee or
- 14 <u>political party.</u> A candidate campaign committee may <u>only</u> accept contributions from any
- candidate campaign committee, entity, political action committee, or political party pursuant to
- 16 the limits stated in this chapter.
- 17 The limitation on any contribution from a person in this section does not apply to any
- contribution by the candidate or the candidate's immediate family. A violation of this section
- is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Section 9. That section 6 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 21 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- Section 6. That § 12-27-9 be amended to read:
- 23 12-27-9. If the contributor is a person or an organization, entity, political action committee,
- 24 <u>ballot question committee, non-South Dakota candidate committee, out-of-state political action</u>

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1 committee, federal political action committee, or federal candidate committee, no political

- 2 action committee may accept any contribution that in the aggregate exceeds ten thousand dollars
- 3 during any calendar year. A political action committee may also accept unlimited contributions
- 4 from any candidate campaign committee, political action committee, or political party. A
- 5 violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 6 Section 10. That section 7 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 7 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 8 Section 7. That § 12-27-10 be amended to read:

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- 9 12-27-10. If the contributor is a person or an entity, no political party may accept any 10 contribution that in the aggregate exceeds ten thousand dollars during any calendar year. If the contributor is a political action committee, no political party may accept any contribution that 12 in the aggregate exceeds ten thousand dollars during any calendar year. A political party may 13 accept unlimited contributions from any candidate campaign committee, political action 14 committee, or political party, but may not accept any contribution from a ballot question 15 committee. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 16 Section 11. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
  - Solicitation, receipt, direction, transfer, or spending of funds in connection with an election are subject to limitations and requirements of this chapter. A candidate, person holding statewide or legislative office, agent of a candidate or a person holding statewide or legislative office, or an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained, or controlled by or acting on behalf of one or more candidates or persons holding statewide or legislative office, may not solicit, receive, direct, transfer, or spend funds in connection with an election unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this chapter.
- 24 Section 12. That section 11 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the

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- 1 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 2 Section 11. That § 12-27-11 be amended to read:
- 3 12-27-11. No person, organization entity, candidate, or political committee, or political party
- 4 may give or accept a contribution unless the name and residence address, mailing address, city
- 5 and state of the contributor is made known to the person, entity, candidate, or political
- 6 <u>committee</u> receiving the contribution. <u>In the case of an entity or a political committee</u>, a mailing
- 7 address of the contributor in conjunction with the contributor's city and state, shall be made
- 8 known to the candidate or political committee receiving the contribution. Any contribution,
- 9 money, or other thing of value received by a candidate, or political committee, or political party
- 10 from an unknown source shall be donated to a nonprofit charitable organization entity. A
- violation of this section is a <del>Class 2</del> Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Section 13. That section 12 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 14 Section 12. That § 12-27-12 be amended to read:
- 15 12-27-12. No person or organization entity may make a contribution in the name of another
- person or or organization entity, make a contribution disguised as a gift, make a contribution in a
- 17 fictitious name, make a contribution on behalf of another person or or organization entity, or
- 18 knowingly permit another to use that person's or organization's entity's name to make a
- 19 contribution. No candidate may knowingly accept a contribution disguised as a gift. A violation
- 20 of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Section 14. That section 13 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- Section 13. That § 12-27-13 be amended to read:
- 24 12-27-13. Equipment, supplies, and materials purchased with contributions are property of

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1 the political committee or political party, and are not property of the candidate or any other

- 2 person.
- 3 Section 15. That section 14 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 4 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 5 Section 14. That § 12-27-15 be amended to read:
- 6 12-27-15. Any printed material or communication made, purchased, paid for, or authorized
- by a candidate, or political committee, or political party that expressly advocates for or against
- 8 <u>disseminates information concerning</u> a candidate, public office holder, ballot question, or
- 9 political party shall prominently display or clearly speak the statement: "Paid for by (name of
- candidate, or political committee, or political party)." This section does not apply to buttons,
- balloons, pins, pens, matchbooks, clothing, or similar small items upon which the inclusion of
- the statement would be impracticable. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 13 Section 16. That section 15 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 15 Section 15. That § 12-27-16 be amended to read:
- 16 12-27-16. The following apply to independent <u>communication</u> expenditures by persons and
- 17 organizations entities related to communications advocating for or against concerning
- candidates, public office holders, ballot questions, or political parties who are not controlled by,
- 19 coordinated with, requested by, or made upon consultation with a candidate, political
- 20 <u>committee</u>, or agent of a candidate or political committee:
- 21 (1) Any person or organization making entity that makes a payment or promise of
- 22 payment totaling more than one hundred dollars or more, including an in-kind
- 23 <u>contribution, for a donated goods or services for an independent</u> communication
- 24 expenditure that expressly advocates for or against concerns a candidate, public

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1		office holder, ballot question, or political party shall append to or include in each
2		communication a disclaimer that clearly and forthrightly:
3		(a) Identifies the person or organization entity making the independent
4		communication expenditure for that communication;
5		(b) States the <u>mailing</u> address <u>or and</u> website address, <u>if applicable</u> , of the person
6		or <del>organization</del> entity;
7		(c) States that the communication is independently funded and not made in
8		consultation with any candidate, political party, or political committee; and
9		(d) If an independent expenditure is undertaken by an organization not including
10		a candidate, public office holder, political party, or political committee, the
11		following notation must be included: "Top Five Contributors," including a
12		listing of the names of the five persons making the largest contributions in
13		aggregate to the organization during the twelve months preceding that
14		communication An independent communication expenditure made by a person
15		or entity shall include the following: "This communication is independently
16		funded and not made in consultation with any candidate, public office holder,
17		or political committee.".
18		A violation of this subdivision is a Class 1 misdemeanor;
19	(2)	Any person or organization entity making a payment or promise of payment of more
20		than one hundred dollars or more, including an in-kind contribution donated goods
21		and services, for a communication described in subdivision (1) shall file $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$
22		independent communication expenditure statement within forty-eight hours of the
23		time that the communication is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published;
24	(3)	The <u>independent communication expenditure</u> statements required by this section

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shall-	includ	e the name, street address, city, and state of the person or organization
and, a	<del>ıny exp</del>	penditures made for communications described in subdivision (1) during
that c	<del>calenda</del>	ar year but not yet reported on a prior statement, the name of each
<del>candi</del>	<del>date, p</del>	public office holder, ballot question, or political party mentioned or
identi	fied in	each communication, the amount spent on each communication, and a
descr	<del>iption (</del>	of the content of each communication. For an organization, the statement
shall	<del>also in</del>	clude the name and title of the person filing the report, the name of its
chief	execut	ive, if any, and the name of the person who authorized the expenditures
on be	<del>half of</del>	the organization:
<u>(a)</u>	Identi	ify the person or entity making the expenditure;
	<u>(i)</u>	Including mailing address, city, and state of a person; or
	<u>(ii)</u>	If an entity, the mailing address, city, and state, and website address if
		applicable; and
	<u>(iii)</u>	Identify any expenditures made for communications described in
		subdivision (1) during the current calendar year but not yet reported on
		a prior statement, the name of each candidate, public office holder,
		ballot question, or political party mentioned or identified in each
		communication, the amount spent on each communication, and a
		description of the content of each communication; and
<u>(b)</u>	For ar	n entity, the independent communication expenditure statement shall also
	includ	de the name and title of the person filing the report, the name of its chief
	execu	tive, if any, and the name of the person who authorized the expenditures
	on be	half of the entity;

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1		for the b	penefit of, or comprised of twenty or fewer persons, partners, owners, trustees
2		benefici	iaries, participants, members, or shareholders, the statement shall identify by
3		name a	and mailing address each person, partner, owner, trustee, beneficiary
4		particip	ant, shareholder, or member who owns, controls, or comprises ten percent or
5		more of	the <del>organization</del> entity;
6	(5)	For an o	organization, supplemental An entity shall also provide statements, as defined
7		in subdi	vision (3), for any of its partners, owners, trustees, beneficiaries, participants
8		member	rs, or shareholders identified pursuant to subdivision (4) that are owned by
9		controll	ed by, held for the benefit of, or comprised of twenty or fewer persons
10		partners	s, owners, trustees, beneficiaries, participants, members, or shareholders, unti
11		no <del>orga</del> i	<del>nization</del> <u>entity</u> identified in the <del>supplemental</del> statements meets the ownership
12		test set	forth in subdivision (4); and
13	(6)	For purp	poses of this section, the term, communication, does not include:
14		(a) A	Any news article, editorial endorsement, opinion or commentary writing, or
15		le	etter to the editor printed in a newspaper, magazine, flyer, pamphlet, or other
16		p	periodical not owned or controlled by a candidate, or political committee, or
17		p	<del>olitical party</del> ;
18		(b) A	Any editorial endorsement or opinion aired by a broadcast facility not owned
19		O	or controlled by a candidate, or political committee, or political party;
20		(c) A	Any communication by a person made in the regular course and scope of the
21		p	erson's business or ministry or any communication made by a membership
22		0	rganization entity solely to members of the organization and the members
23		fa	amilies; <del>and</del>

Any communication that refers to any candidate only as part of the popular

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1	name of a bill or statute; and
2	(e) Any communication used for the purpose of polling if the poll question does
3	not expressly advocate for or against a candidate, public office holder, ballot
4	question, or political party.
5	Section 17. That section 16 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
6	Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be repealed.
7	Section 16. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
8	Any political committee, organization, person, or political party that makes a payment or
9	promise of payment totaling one hundred dollars or more, including an in-kind contribution, for
10	a communication that clearly identifies a candidate or public office holder, but does not
11	expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate or public office holder, and that is
12	disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published, shall file a statement with the secretary of state
13	disclosing the name, street address, city, and state of such political committee, organization,
14	person, or political party. The statement shall also include the name of the candidate or public
15	office holder mentioned in the communication, the amount spent on the communication, and
16	a description of the content of the communication. The statement shall be received and filed
17	within forty-eight hours of the time that the communication is disseminated, broadcast, or
18	otherwise published.
19	For the purposes of this section, the term, communication, does not include:
20	(1) Any news articles, editorial endorsements, opinion or commentary writings, or letter
21	to the editor printed in a newspaper, magazine, flyer, pamphlet, or other periodical
22	not owned or controlled by a candidate, political committee, or political party;
23	(2) Any editorial endorsements or opinions aired by a broadcast facility not owned or
24	controlled by a candidate, political committee, or political party;

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1	(3) Any communication by a person made in the regular course and scope of the person's
2	business or ministry or any communication made by a membership organization
3	solely to members of the organization and the members' families;
4	(4) Any communication that refers to any candidate only as part of the popular name of
5	a bill or statute;
6	(5) Any communication used for the purpose of polling if the poll questions do not
7	expressly advocate for or against a candidate, public office holder, ballot question,
8	or political party.
9	Section 18. That section 17 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
10	Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
11	Section 17. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
12	Any political committee, organization, entity, or person, or political party that makes a
13	communication as defined in § 12-27-17, which does not expressly advocate for or against a
14	candidate, public office holder, ballot question, or political party, other than an independent
15	communication expenditure that is not controlled by, coordinated with, requested by, or made
16	upon consultation with a candidate, political committee, or agent of a candidate or political
17	committee, shall append to or include in each communication a disclaimer that:
18	(1) Identifies the political committee, organization, entity, or person, or political party
19	making the communication; and
20	(2) States the address or website address, if applicable, of the political committee
21	organization,, entity, or person, or political party.
22	If the communication is an independent expenditure made by a person or organization, then
23	the disclaimer shall include the following: "This communication is independently funded and
24	not made in consultation with any candidate, political party, or political committee." If the

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1 independent expenditure is undertaken by an organization not including a candidate, public

- 2 office holder, political party, or political committee, then the following notation must also be
- 3 included: "Top Five Contributors," including a listing of the names of the five persons making
- 4 the largest contributions to an organization during the twelve months preceding that
- 5 communication. Any person or entity making a communication under this section has the same
- 6 reporting requirements as § 12-27-16. Any political committee making a communication under
- 7 this section shall include each communication as an expenditure on the campaign finance
- 8 <u>disclosure report.</u>
- 9 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Section 19. That § 12-27-18 be amended to read:
- 11 12-27-18. No organization may make a contribution to a candidate committee or political
- 12 party. An organization An entity may make a contribution to a ballot question committee
- organized solely for the purpose of influencing an election on a <u>single</u> ballot question and <u>may</u>
- 14 <u>make</u> independent <u>communication</u> expenditures regarding the placement of a ballot question on
- 15 the ballot or the adoption or defeat of a ballot question. Any organization entity making
- expenditures, equal to or exceeding fifty percent of the organization's entity's annual gross
- income, for the adoption or defeat of a ballot measure is a ballot question committee. An
- organization may create a political action committee. A violation of this section is a Class 1
- 19 misdemeanor.
- Section 20. That § 12-27-18.1 be amended to read:
- 21 12-27-18.1. A ballot question committee may only accept contributions from a person,
- 22 organization, entity, or political action committee, or political party. A ballot question
- committee may accept contributions from another ballot question committee. A violation of this
- 24 section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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I	Section	on 21. That § 12-27-19 be amended to read:
2	12-27	7-19. Before making a contribution to a ballot question committee pursuant to § 12-27-
3	18, an <del>or</del>	ganization entity shall provide to the ballot question committee the following:
4	(1)	A statement that the organization is filed as a domestic or foreign entity in good
5		standing with the Office of the Secretary of State of this state;
6	<del>(2)</del>	A statement that the organization is filed as an entity in good standing with another
7		jurisdiction, and setting forth the following:
8		(a) The name of the organization;
9		(b) The name of the state or nation under whose law the organization is
10		incorporated or organized; and
11		(c) The street address of the organization's principal office; or
12	<del>(3)</del>	If neither of the above apply, a statement providing:
13		(a) The name of the organization;
14		(b) The street address of the organization's principal office;
15	-	(c) The name and street address of the person authorizing the contribution; and
16		(d) The name and street address of every owner, director, and officer of the
17		organization The name or fictitious name of the entity;
18	<u>(2)</u>	The mailing address of the entity's office;
19	<u>(3)</u>	The name and mailing address of each owner, director, and officer of the entity;
20	<u>(4)</u>	The committee name the contribution was given to, the date, and the amount of the
21		contribution; and
22	<u>(5)</u>	The name and mailing address of the person authorizing the contribution.
23	- Befor	re contributing more than ten thousand dollars in the aggregate to a ballot question
24	committe	ee pursuant to § 12-27-18, an organization shall provide to the ballot question

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1 committee a sworn written statement made by the president and treasurer of the organization 2 declaring and affirming, under the penalty of perjury, the following: 3 The name and street address of every person who owns ten percent or more of the 4 organization, has provided ten percent or more of the organization's gross receipts, including capital contributions, in the current or preceding year, or has provided ten 5 6 percent or more of the funds being contributed to the ballot question committee; and 7 That no part of the contribution was raised or collected by the organization for the 8 purpose of influencing the ballot question. 9 A ballot question committee shall disclose in its applicable campaign financial disclosure 10 statement or supplement statement all information received from an organization any entity 11 pursuant to this section. No ballot question committee may accept any contribution from an 12 organization any entity not preceded or accompanied by the statements required by this section. 13 Except as provided by § 22-29-1, violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. 14 Section 22. That section 19 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the 15 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read: 16 Section 19. That § 12-27-21 be amended to read: 17 12-27-21. No candidate, or political committee, or political party may accept any 18 contribution from any state, state agency, political subdivision of the state, foreign government, 19 Indian tribal entity as defined in the Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 55 as of March 22, 2007, 20 federal agency, or the federal government. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. 21 Section 23. That section 20 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the 22 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read: 23 Section 20. That § 12-27-22 be amended to read: 24 12-27-22. A campaign finance disclosure statement shall be submitted to the secretary of state by the treasurer of each:

- Candidate or candidate campaign committee for any statewide or legislative office

  shall file a pre-primary, pre-general, year-end, and if applicable supplemental report

  and amendments in even numbered years. In odd numbered years shall file a

  year-end and if applicable amendments. A termination report may be submitted at

  any time;
  - (2) Candidate or candidate campaign committee for a legislative or county office shall file a pre-primary if the candidate's name appears on the primary election ballot, pre-general, year-end and if applicable supplemental report and amendments in even numbered years. A termination report may be submitted at any time;
    - (2)(3) Political Statewide political action committee shall file a pre-primary, pre-general, year-end, and if applicable supplemental report and amendments in even numbered years. In odd numbered years shall file a year-end or if applicable amendments. A termination report may be submitted at any time;
    - (3)(4) Statewide, county, local, or auxiliary committee of any political party shall file a pre-primary, pre-general, year-end and if applicable supplemental report and amendments in even numbered years. In odd numbered years shall file a year-end or amendments, if applicable. A termination report may be submitted at any time. A political party that loses its status as a qualified party shall file a termination statement by 5:00 p.m. central time the second Tuesday in January following the calendar year in which qualified party status was lost;
    - (5) County political party and auxiliary organization shall file a pre-general and if

      applicable supplemental report and amendments in even numbered years. A

      termination report may be submitted at any time; and

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1	(4)(6) Statewide ballot question committee; shall file a pre-primary, pre-general	eral, year-end
2	and if applicable supplemental report and amendments in even number	ered years. In
3	odd numbered years shall file a year-end and if applicable amer	ndments. A
4	termination report may be submitted at any time. A statewide ba	llot question
5	committee:	
6	(5) Any candidate or candidate committee for any statewide or legislative	office whose
7	name appears on the primary ballot, but does not appear on the gen	eral election
8	ballot, shall submit a campaign finance disclosure statement, or termin	nation report,
9	that shall be received by the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the second	ond Friday of
10	August following the primary election; and	
11	— (6) Statewide ballot question committee that	
12	(a) That does not meet the signature requirements for placement of the	e ballot issue
13	on the general election ballot, shall submit a termination report to	the secretary
14	of state by 5:00 p.m. central time on the first Monday in Feb.	ruary second
15	Tuesday in January following the year the statement of orga	nization was
16	submitted to the secretary of state; or	
17	(b) For a ballot issue that was on a ballot shall submit a termination	report to the
18	secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. central time on the second Tuesda	ay in January
19	following the calendar year the ballot question was on the ballo	<u>t.</u>
20	A campaign finance disclosure statement shall be submitted to the secretary of	of state by the
21	treasurer of each committee who shall file the following financial disclosure	re reports in
22	accordance with the time frames stated in this chapter: pre-primary, pre-gener	al, year-end,
23	amendment, supplemental, and a termination when a committee is terminating it	s existence.
24	The statement shall be signed and submitted by the treasurer of the political of	<del>committee or</del>

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political party. The statement shall be received by the secretary of state and submitted by 5:00 2 p.m. central time on the first Monday of February and shall cover the contributions and 3 expenditures for the preceding calendar year. The statement shall also be received by the 4 secretary of state and submitted by 5:00 p.m. central time on the second Friday prior to each 5 primary and general election complete through the fifteenth day prior to that election. Each 6 statewide ballot question committee shall submit a termination report by 5:00 p.m. central time no later than the first Monday in February following the year the ballot question was on the 8 ballot. Any statement submitted pursuant to this section shall be consecutive and shall cover contributions and expenditures since the last statement submitted.

10 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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- 11 Section 24. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- 12 Each statement referred to § 12-27-22 shall be signed and submitted by the treasurer of the 13 political committee. The statement shall be received by the secretary of state and submitted by 14 5:00 p.m. central time on the following dates:
- 15 (1) Pre-primary report: fifteen days prior to the primary election, for the reporting period 16 commencing with the last report submitted up through and including twenty days 17 prior to the election date;
- 18 (2) Pre-general report: fifteen days prior to the general election, for the reporting period 19 commencing with the last report submitted up through and including twenty days 20 prior to the election date;
- 21 (3) Amendments: submitted pursuant to § 12-27-27;
- 22 (4) Supplemental report: submitted pursuant to § 12-27-28;
- 23 (5) Year-end report: by December thirty-first each year, for the reporting period commencing with the last report submitted up through and including November 24

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1		twenty-fifth of each year;
2	(6)	Termination report: at any time as stated in 12-27-23;
3	(7)	Pre-primary, pre-general, amendments, supplemental, year-end, and termination
4		reports shall cover the contributions and expenditures since the last report submitted;
5		and
6	(8)	All required filings under this chapter shall be submitted using the forms as provided
7		by the secretary of state.
8	A vio	plation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
9	Section	on 25. That § 12-27-22.1 be amended to read:
10	12-27	7-22.1. No campaign finance disclosure statement report is required to be submitted
11	under the	following circumstances:
12	<del>(1)</del>	A year-end report for a candidate campaign committee for legislative or county office
13		on the first Monday in February following a year in which there is not an election for
14		the office;
15	<del>(2)</del>	A county, local, or auxiliary committee of any political party, qualified to participate
16		in a primary or general election, prior to a statewide primary election;
17	<del>(3)</del>	A legislative or county candidate campaign committee without opposition in a
18		primary election, prior to a primary election;
19	<del>(4)</del>	A candidate campaign committee whose name is not on the general election ballot,
20		prior to the general election;
21	<del>(5)</del>	A by a political committee that regularly submits a campaign finance disclosure
22		statement report with another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report
23		of contributions and expenditures with the Internal Revenue Service;
24	<del>(6)</del>	A statewide candidate who is publicly seeking a nomination by that candidate's party

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1		convention prior to a primary election; and
2	<del>(7)</del>	An independent statewide candidate prior to a primary election, and has a statement
3		of organization filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. The political
4		committee treasurer shall report on the form as provided by the secretary of state. The
5		report may only include contributions and expenditures related to this state.
6	Sectio	on 26. That section 21 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
7	Ninety-Se	econd Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
8	Sectio	on 21. That § 12-27-24 be amended to read:
9	12-27	-24. A campaign finance disclosure statement report shall include the following
10	informatio	on:
11	(1)	The political committee or political party name, street address, postal address, city,
12		state, zip code, daytime and evening mailing address, telephone number, and, if
13		applicable, e-mail address;
14	(2)	Name, mailing address, telephone number, and, if applicable, an e-mail address, if
15		any of the political committee's treasurer;
16	<u>(3)</u>	The type of campaign statement report (pre-primary, pre-general, post-primary
17		nonwinner, year-end, amendment, supplement, or termination);
18	<del>(3)</del> (4)	For any ballot question committee, the ballot question number name and whether the
19		committee advocates for or against supports or opposes the ballot question;
20	<del>(4)</del> (5)	The balance of cash and cash equivalents on hand at the beginning of the reporting
21		period;
22	<del>(5)</del> (6)	The total amount of all contributions received during the reporting period;
23	<del>(6)</del> (7)	The total amount of all in-kind contributions any donated good or service received
24		during the reporting period;

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1	$\frac{(7)(8)}{(8)}$ The	total of refunds, rebates, interest, or other income not previously identified
2	durin	g the reporting period;
3	<del>(8) The t</del>	otal of contributions, loans, or any other receipts during the reporting period;
4	<del>(9) The t</del>	otal value of loans made to any person, political committee, or political party
5	durin	g the reporting period;
6	<del>(10)</del> (9)	The total of expenditures made during the reporting period;
7	— (11) The	total amount of any expenditure incurred but not yet paid. Any expenditure
8	incur	red but not yet paid shall be reported on each report filed after the date of receip
9	of go	ods or services until payment is made to the vendor. A payment shall be listed
10	<del>as an</del>	expenditure when the payment is made;
11	<del>(12)</del> <u>(10)</u>	The cash balance on hand as of the close of the reporting period;
12	<del>(13)</del> (11)	The total amount of All contributions of one hundred dollars or less in the
13		aggregate from one source received during the reporting period shall either be
14		aggregated and reported as a lump sum or the contributions shall be listed
15		individually. The individual contributions of one hundred dollars or less shall
16		be noted on the committee's books and a running total of each individual's
17		contributions shall be maintained;
18	<del>(14)</del> <u>(12)</u>	The name, residence address, mailing address, city, and state of each person
19		making a contribution of more than one hundred dollars in the aggregate
20		during the reporting period any calendar year and the amount of the
21		contribution. Any contribution from any political committee or political party
22		shall be itemized. Any contribution from a federal political committee or
23		political committee organized outside the this state shall also include the name
24		and website address of the filing office where campaign finance disclosure

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1		statements reports are regularly filed for the committee. If any information
2		required by the section is unknown to the political committee or political
3		party, the political committee or political party may not deposit the
4		contribution;
5	<del>(15)</del> (13)	Any in-kind donated good or service contribution shall contain the same
6		information as for any monetary contributions contribution, and shall also
7		include a description of the in-kind donated good or service contribution;
8	<del>(16)</del> (14)	Upon the request of the treasurer, any person making an in-kind a donated
9		good or service contribution shall provide all necessary information to the
10		treasurer, including the value of the in-kind contribution;
11	<del>(17)</del> (15)	Any monetary or in-kind donated good or service contribution made by a
12		political committee or political party to any political committee, political
13		party, or nonprofit charitable organization entity shall be itemized;
14	<del>(18)</del> (16)	A categorical description and amount of any refunds, rebates, interest, sale of
15		property, or other receipts not previously identified during the reporting
16		period;
17	<del>(19)</del> (17)	A categorical description and amount of any funds or donations by any
18		organization entity to its political committee for establishing and
19		administering the political committee and for any solicitation costs of the
20		political committee;
21	<del>(20)</del> (18)	The total balance of any loans owed by the political committee or political
22		party Each loan received shall be reported in the same manner as a
23		contribution;
24	<del>(21)</del> (19)	The balance of any loans owed by the political committee or political party,

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1		itemized by lender's name, street address, city, and state, including the terms,
2		interest rate, and repayment schedule of each loan Each loan repayment shall
3		be reported in the same manner as an expenditure;
4	<del>(22) The t</del>	total balance of loans owed to the political committee or political party;
5	<del>(23) The a</del>	amount of any loan made during the reporting period; the name, street address,
6	<del>city,</del>	and state of the recipient of the loan;
7	<del>(24) The l</del>	coalance of any loan owed to the political committee or political party, itemized
8	by name, street address, city, and state;	
9	<del>(25)</del> (20)	Any expenditure made during the reporting period shall be categorized as
10		disbursements to consultants, advertising agencies, credit card companies, or
11		similar firms, and itemized by expense categories. Any contribution made by
12		the political committee or political party that is not in exchange for any item
13		of value or service shall be itemized;
14	— (26) Any	expenditure incurred but not yet paid during the reporting period and to whom
15	the e	xpenditure is owed;
16	<del>(27)</del> (21)	The amount of any independent communication expenditure from a political
17		committee made during the reporting period, and lists the name of the
18		candidate, public office holder, or ballot question related to the independent
19		communication expenditure and a description of the independent
20		communication expenditure;
21	(22) <u>Misc</u>	ellaneous expenditures need to be itemized;
22	<del>(28)</del> (23)	The information contained in any statement provided pursuant to § 12-27-19;
23		and
24	<del>(29)</del> (24)	A certification that the contents of the statement are true and correct signed by

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- 1 the treasurer of the political committee or political party.
- 2 Section 27. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- 3 Any political committee that terminates shall have a zero balance at the time of termination.
- 4 A termination report shall itemize the disbursement of money not expended or gifted in order
- 5 to achieve a zero balance. The chair of a political committee that is terminating shall designate
- 6 where property or money not expended or obligated is gifted. If a ballot question committee is
- 7 preparing for termination, the chair of the ballot question committee may designate property and
- 8 money not expended or obligated, to be dispersed to any nonprofit organization as defined by
- 9 law.
- Section 28. That § 12-27-25 be amended to read:
- 11 12-27-25. The last campaign finance statement report filed shall be a termination statement
- 12 <u>report</u>. The termination statement report shall be filed by the treasurer within thirty days
- following disposition of all funds and property and the payment of all obligations. If a
- 14 <u>termination pursuant to § 12-27-29.2 occurs, this section does not apply.</u>
- 15 Section 29. That § 12-27-27 be amended to read:
- 16 12-27-27. Any treasurer or other person filing a statement <u>or report</u> pursuant to this chapter,
- shall file an amended statement or report within three seven days of discovering any omission,
- inaccuracy, or other change necessary to make the statement or report accurate. A person
- responsible for filing a statement or report pursuant to this chapter, who willfully fails to report
- a material change or correction, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A person responsible for
- 21 filing a statement <u>or report</u> pursuant to this chapter, who willfully fails to file an amendment
- pursuant to this section is subject to the administrative penalty in § 12-27-29.1 beginning on the
- 23 first day following the third seventh day after the candidate, treasurer, or other person is notified
- of the omission, inaccuracy, or other change necessary to make the statement or report accurate.

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- 1 Section 30. That § 12-27-28 be amended to read:
- 2 12-27-28. If any candidate campaign committee for statewide office, political action
- 3 committee, ballot question committee, or political party political committee required to file a
- 4 campaign finance disclosure statement report pursuant to this chapter receives a contribution
- 5 of five hundred dollars or more within the fourteen days immediately prior to an election for
- 6 which a campaign finance disclosure statement report may be filed, a supplemental statement
- 7 report shall be filed. The statement report shall state the name, street address, city, and state and
- 8 <u>mailing address</u> of the contributor and the amount and date of the contribution, and information
- 9 contained in any statement report provided under § 12-27-19, if applicable. The statement report
- shall be filed by the treasurer within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the contribution. A
- violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 12 Section 31. That § 12-27-29 be amended to read:
- 13 12-27-29. The treasurer of a political committee and political party shall maintain and
- preserve detailed and accurate records of the following:
- 15 (1) Each contribution and in-kind donated good or service contribution received by the
- political committee or political party;
- 17 (2) In the case of a ballot question committee, the information required by § 12-27-19
- for any <del>organization</del> entity contribution;
- 19 (3) Each loan received or made by the political committee or political party;
- 20 (4) Each refund, rebate, interest, or other income received by the political committee or
- 21 political party;
- 22 (5) All receipts, invoices, bills, canceled checks, or other proofs of payment, with an
- 23 explanation of each, for each expenditure;
- 24 (6) The name and address of any financial institution where an account or depository for

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1 the political committee or political party is maintained including the account number.

- 2 The treasurer shall maintain and preserve the records for a period of seven years or three
- 3 years past the date of filing the termination statement for the election for which the contribution
- 4 or expenditure was made, whichever is earlier. A violation of this section is a Class 1
- 5 misdemeanor.
- 6 Section 32. That section 23 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 7 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- 8 Section 23. That § 12-27-29.1 be amended to read:
- 9 12-27-29.1. In addition to any other penalty or relief provided under this chapter, the
- secretary of state, after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to chapter 1-26 or the
- 11 <u>Campaign Finance Ethics Commission</u>, may impose an administrative a civil penalty for the
- 12 failure to timely file any statement, amendment, or correction required to be filed by this
- chapter. The administrative civil penalty is fifty two hundred dollars per day for each violation
- 14 not to exceed three thousand dollars. If any violation is made by a county political party or
- auxiliary, the administrative civil penalty is ten fifty dollars per day for each violation not to
- 16 exceed six hundred dollars. Any administrative civil penalty collected pursuant to this section
- shall be deposited into the state general fund.
- Section 33. That § 12-27-29.2 be amended to read:
- 19 12-27-29.2. Any administrative civil penalty imposed pursuant to § 12-27-29.1 shall be
- 20 assessed against the violator by an administrative order of the secretary of state or by the
- 21 <u>Campaign Finance Ethics Commission</u>. The order shall state the date and facts of each violation
- 22 addressed under the penalty assessed and the citations to the provisions of each law alleged to
- be violated. The order shall contain a statement that the violator may appeal the order within
- 24 thirty days after receipt of the order and request a contested case hearing on the violation and

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1 penalty pursuant to chapter 1-26, by filing a written request with the secretary of state no later 2 than twenty days after the receipt of the order with venue in Hughes County circuit court. The 3 secretary of state shall serve the order and assessment by certified mail. If not contested 4 appealed within twenty thirty days of receipt of the order, an administrative order assessing an 5 administrative a civil penalty constitutes a judgment and may be executed by delivery of a true 6 and correct copy certified by the secretary of state in the manner provided for the execution of 7 money judgments provided in chapter 15-18. 8 If a hearing is requested, the matter shall be scheduled for a hearing before the secretary of 9 state within thirty days from the receipt of the request. The secretary of state shall provide notice 10 of the hearing consistent with the provisions of § 1-26-17. A final determination by the secretary of state may be appealed to the circuit court or Supreme Court as provided in chapter 1-26. 12 If the time to take an appeal has lapsed after the final determination by the secretary of state, 13 the administrative order assessing an administrative penalty constitutes a judgment and may be 14 executed by delivery of a true and correct copy certified by the secretary of state in the manner 15 provided for the execution of judgments in chapter 15-18. 16 If a committee incurs the maximum penalty fee, does not submit the delinquent report, and a judgment is executed, the secretary of state may terminate that committee. If a committee is 18 terminated, the secretary of state shall mail a termination letter to the last address on record for 19 the treasurer. Notwithstanding whether a committee pays the penalty, if a committee does not 20 submit the delinquent report within thirty days after receipt of the order, the secretary of state

Section 34. That § 12-27-29.3 be amended to read:

termination letter to the last address on record for the treasurer.

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24 12-27-29.3. No person candidate who is listed on a statement of organization for a political

may terminate that committee. If a committee is terminated, the secretary of state shall mail a

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1 <u>candidate campaign</u> committee or political party pursuant to §§ 12-27-3 and 12-27-6 may be

- 2 certified as a candidate for office unless the treasurer of the political candidate campaign
- 3 committee or political party for which the person candidate is listed has:
- 4 (1) Paid all administrative penalties assessed pursuant to § 12-27-29.1 and any other
- 5 monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter against the person or the treasurer;
- 6 and
- 7 (2)—Filed all statements, documents, and information required under this title; or
- 8 (2) Paid each civil penalty assessed pursuant to § 12-27-29.1, the Campaign Finance
- 9 Ethics Commission, or any other penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter against the
- 10 <u>candidate or the treasurer.</u>
- 11 Section 35. That § 12-27-32 be amended to read:
- 12 12-27-32. The secretary of state shall endorse the date of the filing on each statement filed
- 13 pursuant to this chapter, and shall preserve the statement electronically among the public records
- of the office. However, the statement may be destroyed if the Records Destruction Board, acting
- pursuant to § 1-27-19, declares the records to have no further administrative, legal, fiscal,
- 16 research, or historical value.
- 17 Section 36. That § 12-27-33 be amended to read:
- 18 12-27-33. No information copied, or otherwise obtained, from any statement or report, or
- 19 copy, reproduction, or publication thereof, filed with the secretary of state, county auditor, or
- other person in charge of conducting the election under this chapter may be sold or utilized by
- any person for any commercial purpose or for the purpose of soliciting contributions. Any
- violation of this section is a Class 2 Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 23 Section 37. That section 24 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:

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- 1 Section 24. That § 12-27-35 be amended to read:
- 2 12-27-35. The attorney general shall investigate and prosecute any violation of the
- 3 provisions of this chapter relating to a legislative office, statewide office, or statewide ballot
- 4 question political committee and prosecute any violation thereof. In lieu of bringing a criminal
- 5 action, the attorney general may elect to file a civil action. In a civil action, in addition to other
- 6 relief, the court may impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars for
- 7 each violation. Any civil penalty recovered shall be paid to the state general fund. A civil action
- 8 brought by the attorney general shall be commenced in Hughes County, in the county where the
- 9 person resides, or in the county where the <del>organization, political party,</del> entity or political
- 10 committee has its principal office.
- Section 38. That section 25 of the enrolled version of HB 1069 as previously enacted by the
- 12 Ninety-Second Session Legislative Assembly, 2017, be amended to read:
- Section 25. That § 12-27-36 be amended to read:
- 14 12-27-36. The attorney general may, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this
- chapter, inspect or examine any political committee or political party records required to be
- maintained by this chapter. Any person having charge, control, or possession of political
- committee or political party records who neglects or refuses the attorney general reasonable
- access to any records required to be maintained by this chapter that are necessary to enforce the
- 19 provisions of this chapter is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Section 39. That § 12-27-39 be amended to read:
- 21 12-27-39. The provisions of this chapter apply to each statewide office, legislative office,
- statewide ballot question, county offices and ballot questions in counties with population greater
- than five ten thousand according to the most recent Federal census, ballot questions in first class
- 24 municipalities, and school district offices and ballot questions in school districts with more than

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1 two thousand average daily membership. Any municipal or school district election covered by

- 2 this chapter shall conform to the contribution limits applicable to legislative offices. This
- 3 chapter does not apply to the unified judicial system, nor does this chapter apply to any township
- 4 or special purpose district offices or ballot questions or elections for municipal offices.
- 5 However, the governing body of any county, township, municipality, school district, or special
- 6 purpose district not otherwise covered by this chapter may adopt an ordinance or resolution to
- 7 make the provisions of this chapter, with or without amendments, applicable to county,
- 8 township, municipal, school district, or special purpose district elections.
- 9 Section 40. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- The Office of the Secretary of State's duty to file a document under this chapter is
- ministerial. If the Office of the Secretary of State files or refuses to file a document, it does not:
- 12 (1) Affect the validity or invalidity of the document in whole or part;
- 13 (2) Relate to the correctness or incorrectness of information contained in the document;
- 14 or
- 15 (3) Create a presumption that the document is valid or invalid or that information
- 16 contained in the document is correct or incorrect.
- 17 Section 41. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- 18 Contributions received by a candidate campaign committee may not be used for any purpose
- other than a purpose related to a candidate's campaign. Contributions received by a candidate
- 20 campaign committee that are not used for any purpose related to a candidate's campaign may
- 21 be donated to any other candidate, candidate campaign committee, or nonprofit charitable
- 22 organization.