

**CHAPTER 80**  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE —  
FILING OF STATEMENTS AND REPORTS  
*H.F. 413*

**AN ACT** relating to electronic filing of campaign finance organizational statements, dissolution reports, and disclosure reports by candidates for statewide office or for the general assembly, establishing a filing deadline for all statements and reports, providing a penalty, and providing applicability dates.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 68A.401, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1. All statements and reports required to be filed under this chapter shall be filed with the board as provided in section 68A.402, subsection 1. The board shall provide copies of post on its internet website all statements and reports filed under this chapter ~~for a county, city, school, or other political subdivision to the commissioner responsible under section 47.2~~. For purposes of this section, the term "statement" does not include a bank statement.

Sec. 2. Section 68A.401, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. a. A candidate's committee of a candidate for statewide office or the general assembly shall file all statements and reports in an electronic format by four-thirty p.m. of the day the filing is due and according to rules adopted by the board. Any other candidate or political committee may submit the statements and reports in an electronic format as prescribed by rule.

NEW PARAGRAPH. b. If the board determines that a violation of this subsection has occurred, the board may impose any of the remedies or penalties provided for under section 68B.32D, except that the board shall not refer any complaint or supporting information of a violation of this section to the attorney general or any county attorney for prosecution.

Sec. 3. Section 68A.402, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1. **FILING METHODS.** Each committee shall file with the board reports disclosing information required under this section on forms prescribed by rule. Reports shall be filed on or before the required due dates by using any of the following methods: mail bearing a United States postal service postmark, hand-delivery, facsimile transmission, or electronic filing as prescribed by rule. Any report that is required to be filed five days prior to an election must be physically received by the board to be considered timely filed. For purposes of this section, "physically received" means the report is either electronically filed using the board's electronic filing system or is received by the board prior to four-thirty p.m. on the report due date.

Sec. 4. Section 68A.403, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1. A Unless filed in an electronic format in accordance with section 68A.401, subsection 1, a report or statement required to be filed under this chapter shall be signed by the person filing the report.

Sec. 5. **APPLICABILITY.** The requirements of section 68A.401, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b", apply to committees that file a statement of organization on or after January 1, 2010, and all committees, regardless of when they filed their statement of organization, on January 1, 2012.

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