

in the aggregate in a calendar year, or makes expenditures in excess of two thousand dollars in a calendar year to expressly advocate for or against a clearly identified candidate or ballot issue shall file all statements and reports in an electronic format by 4:30 p.m. of the day the filing is due and according to rules adopted by the board. The committee shall continue to file subsequent statements and reports in an electronic format until being certified as dissolved under section 68A.402B.

d. Any other candidate or political committee not otherwise required to file a statement or report in an electronic format under this section shall file the statements and reports in either an electronic format as prescribed by rule or by one of the methods specified in section 68A.402, subsection 1.

b. e. 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.

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CHAPTER 1025

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGULATION AND REPORTING

S.F. 2195

AN ACT relating to campaign finance requirements and reporting.

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

Section 1. Section 68A.102, subsection 18, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

“Political committee” means ~~either~~ any of the following:

Sec. 2. Section 68A.102, subsection 18, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A person, other than an individual, that accepts contributions in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate, makes expenditures in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate, or incurs indebtedness in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate in any one calendar year to expressly advocate that an individual should or should not seek election to a public office prior to the individual becoming a candidate as defined in section 68A.102, subsection 4.

Sec. 3. Section 68A.202, subsection 2, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2. a. A political committee shall not be established to expressly advocate the nomination, election, or defeat of only one candidate for office. However, a political committee may be established to expressly advocate the passage or defeat of approval of a single judge standing for retention. A permanent organization, as defined in section 68A.402, subsection 9, may make a one-time contribution to only one candidate for office in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars.

b. The prohibition in paragraph “a” does not apply to a political committee described in section 68A.102, subsection 18, paragraph “c”, until the individual becomes a candidate for public office. A political committee organized to expressly advocate that an individual should or should not seek election to a public office prior to the individual becoming a candidate for public office shall be dissolved when the individual becomes a candidate for public office.

Sec. 4. Section 68A.304, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A defining “fair market value” for purposes of this section.

Sec. 5. Section 68A.402, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2009, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Only a candidate who is eligible to participate in a runoff election is required to file a report five days before the runoff election.

Sec. 6. Section 68A.402, subsection 9, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

9. *Permanent organizations.* A permanent organization temporarily engaging in activity described in section 68A.102, subsection 18, shall organize a political committee and shall keep the funds relating to that political activity segregated from its operating funds. The political committee shall file reports on the appropriate due dates as required by this section. The reports filed under this subsection shall identify the source of the original funds used for a contribution made to a candidate or a ~~candidate's committee~~ committee organized under this chapter. When the permanent organization ceases to be involved in the political activity, the permanent organization shall dissolve the political committee. As used in this subsection, “permanent organization” means an organization that is continuing, stable, and enduring, and was originally organized for purposes other than engaging in election activities.

Sec. 7. Section 68A.405, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

b. Small items upon which the inclusion of the statement is impracticable including, but not limited to, campaign signs as provided in section 68A.406, subsection 3, bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens, political business cards, and matchbooks.

Sec. 8. Section 68A.503, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

d. The board shall adopt rules prohibiting the owner, publisher, or editor of a sham newspaper from using the sham newspaper to promote in any way the candidacy of ~~such~~ a any person for any public office. As used in this paragraph, “sham newspaper” means a newspaper that does not meet the requirements set forth in section 618.3 and “owner” means a person having an ownership interest exceeding ten percent of the equity or profits of the newspaper.

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CHAPTER 1026

ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

S.F. 2196

AN ACT relating to the administration of the election laws by the secretary of state and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 49.4, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. Where a civil township, or the portion of a civil township outside the corporate limits of any city of over two thousand population contained ~~therein~~ within the civil township, is divided into two or more election precincts, the precincts shall be so drawn that their total populations shall be reasonably equal on the basis of data available from the most recent