

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED ETHICS AND
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to matters before the Iowa ethics and campaign
2 disclosure board, including campaign finance filings and
3 attribution statements.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68A.201, subsection 2, paragraphs a and
2 b, Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. The name, purpose, mailing address, electronic mail
4 address, and telephone number of the committee. The committee
5 name shall not duplicate the name of another committee
6 organized under this section. For candidate's committees
7 filing initial statements of organization on or after July
8 1, 1995, the candidate's name shall be contained within the
9 committee name.

10 b. The name, mailing address, electronic mail address, and
11 position of the committee officers.

12 Sec. 2. Section 68A.201A, subsection 6, Code 2025, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 6. The verified statement shall be filed ~~by 4:30~~ in an
15 electronic format no later than 11:59 p.m. of the day the
16 filing is due.

17 Sec. 3. Section 68A.303, subsection 5, Code 2025, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 5. A candidate, candidate's committee, or any other person
20 shall not directly or indirectly receive or transfer campaign
21 funds with the intent of circumventing the requirements of this
22 section. A candidate ~~for statewide or legislative office~~ shall
23 not establish, direct, or maintain a political committee.

24 Sec. 4. Section 68A.401, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
25 2025, is amended to read as follows:

26 a. A state statutory political committee, a county statutory
27 political committee, a political committee, and a candidate's
28 committee shall file all statements and reports in an
29 electronic format ~~by 4:30~~ no later than 11:59 p.m. of the day
30 the filing is due and according to rules adopted by the board.

31 Sec. 5. Section 68A.405, subsection 1, paragraph a,
32 subparagraph (3), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

33 (3) "Published material" means any newspaper, magazine,
34 shopper, outdoor advertising facility, poster, direct mailing,
35 brochure, internet site, campaign sign, or any other form of

1 printed or electronic general public political advertising.
2 "*Published material*" includes radio, television, video, or
3 ~~motion picture~~ internet advertising.

4 Sec. 6. Section 68B.32, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 3. The board shall annually elect one member to serve as
7 the chairperson of the board and one member to serve as vice
8 chairperson. The vice chairperson shall act as the chairperson
9 in the absence or disability of the chairperson or in the
10 event of a vacancy in that office. The chairperson and vice
11 chairperson shall not be members of the same political party.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill relates to matters before the Iowa ethics and
16 campaign disclosure board (board).

17 The bill requires a political committee and a candidate's
18 committee to provide an electronic mail address along with the
19 name, purpose, mailing address, and telephone number of the
20 committee when the committee files a statement of organization
21 with the board. When a committee or organization is not
22 organized under Code section 68A.201, the committee officers
23 are also required to provide an electronic mail address when
24 filing full disclosure reports of all financial activities with
25 the federal election commission or another state's disclosure
26 commission.

27 The bill extends the deadline for required filings to be
28 submitted electronically to the board from 4:30 p.m. to 11:59
29 p.m. on the day the filings are due. By operation of law,
30 in computing time, the first day is excluded and the last
31 included, unless the last falls on Sunday or holiday, in which
32 case the time prescribed is extended so as to include the
33 whole of the following Monday, or day after the holiday, as
34 applicable.

35 The bill prohibits all candidates from establishing,

1 directing, or maintaining a political committee. Under current
2 law, the prohibition only applies to candidates for statewide
3 or legislative office.

4 The bill adds radio and internet advertising to the
5 definition of "published material" as used in Code chapter 68A,
6 and strikes motion picture advertising from the definition.
7 "Published material", including radio and internet advertising
8 under the bill, that is designed to expressly advocate the
9 nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate for public
10 office or the passage or defeat of a ballot issue is required
11 to include an attribution statement disclosing who is
12 responsible for the material.

13 Current law requires the board to annually elect one member
14 to serve as the chairperson of the board and one member to
15 serve as vice chairperson. The bill prohibits the chairperson
16 and vice chairperson from being members of the same political
17 party.