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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to electronic filing of campaign finance
2 organizational statements and disclosure reports by candidates
3 for statewide office or for the general assembly and by
4 political committees and state statutory political committees,
5 making penalties applicable, and providing an effective date.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.402A ELECTRONIC FILING AND
2 INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY OF ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENTS AND
3 DISCLOSURE REPORTS.

4 1. Statements of organization, notices of dissolution, and
5 disclosure reports filed with the board pursuant to the
6 requirements of sections 68A.201 and 68A.402 shall be filed in
7 an electronic format, according to the following:

8 a. A candidate for statewide office or for the general
9 assembly or such a candidate's committee, a state statutory
10 political committee, or a political committee shall submit the
11 information required by sections 68A.201 and 68A.402 in an
12 electronic format, by five p.m. of the day the filing is due,
13 as prescribed by rule.

14 b. A candidate or political committee may submit the
15 information required by sections 68A.201 and 68A.402 in an
16 electronic format, as prescribed by rule.

17 2. All such information required by sections 68A.201 and
18 68A.402 that is submitted to the board in an electronic format
19 shall be accessible to the public on the internet on the day
20 the information is filed. However, information that is filed
21 on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday shall be made available on
22 the internet by five p.m. on the following business day.

23 3. The board shall provide for appropriate training for
24 candidates, candidate committee treasurers, political
25 committees, and state statutory political committees, and for
26 other persons designated by candidates and committees.

27 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
28 2005.

29 EXPLANATION

30 Effective January 1, 2005, this bill institutes mandatory
31 electronic filing of campaign finance statements of
32 organization, notices of dissolution, and disclosure reports
33 by all candidates for statewide office and for the general
34 assembly and by all political (action) committees and state
35 statutory political committees (state party central

1 committees). The Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board is
2 directed to provide appropriate training for candidates,
3 candidate committee treasurers, and other designated
4 committees and persons. Any other candidate or committee may
5 submit its campaign finance statements of organization,
6 notices of dissolution, and disclosure reports in electronic
7 format, if desired.

8 Effective January 1, 2005, the bill requires all such
9 campaign finance information submitted to the board in an
10 electronic format, as prescribed by rule of the board, to be
11 accessible to the public on the internet. Electronic filing
12 shall be made by 5 p.m. on the day the filing is due, and the
13 information shall be made available to the public via the
14 internet on the same day, unless filed on a Friday, Saturday,
15 or Sunday, in which case it shall be made available by 5 p.m.
16 on the following business day.

17 A willful violation of the bill's requirements constitutes
18 a serious misdemeanor under Code section 68A.701. A serious
19 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one
20 year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more than \$1,500.
21 Civil penalty assessments for late filing of disclosure
22 reports may be made by the board under its administrative
23 rules.

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