

**Senate File 2008 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to campaign finance disclosure report due dates  
2 and providing a penalty.

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

1 Section 1. Section 68A.701, Code 2009, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **68A.701 Penalty.**

4 1. Any Except as provided in subsection 2, any person who  
5 willfully violates any provisions of this chapter shall, upon  
6 conviction, be guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

7 2. Any person who willfully fails to meet the reporting  
8 requirements set out in subchapter IV by one week prior to the  
9 election which is subject to the reporting requirements shall,  
10 upon conviction, be guilty of a class "D" felony. A failure  
11 to meet the reporting requirements within the time period  
12 specified in this subsection is sufficient grounds to initiate  
13 a criminal investigation.

14 EXPLANATION

15 Under current law any person who willfully violates any  
16 provisions of the Campaign Disclosure — Income Tax Checkoff  
17 Act commits a serious misdemeanor. This bill creates a  
18 specific penalty for willfully failing to meet the campaign  
19 finance reporting requirements by one week prior to the  
20 election which is subject to the reporting requirements. The  
21 bill makes violation of this filing deadline a class "D"  
22 felony. A failure to meet the reporting requirements within  
23 the one-week period is sufficient grounds to initiate a  
24 criminal investigation.

25 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more  
26 than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than  
27 \$7,500.