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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to electronic filing of campaign finance
2 organizational statements, dissolution reports, and disclosure
3 reports by candidates for statewide office or for the general
4 assembly and by political committees and state statutory
5 political committees 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. Section 68A.401, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. a. A candidate's committee of a candidate
4 for statewide office or the general assembly, a state
5 statutory political committee, or a political committee shall
6 file all statements and reports in an electronic format, by
7 five p.m. of the day the filing is due and according to rules
8 adopted by the board. Any other candidate or political
9 committee may submit the statements and reports in an
10 electronic format as prescribed by rule.

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. b. All information submitted to the board
12 in an electronic format by twelve noon shall be accessible to
13 the public on the internet on the day the information is
14 filed. However, information that is filed on a Saturday,
15 Sunday, or after twelve noon on Friday shall be made available
16 on the internet by five p.m. on the following business day.

17 Sec. 2. Section 68A.403, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
18 amended to read as follows:

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

23 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
24 2006.

25 EXPLANATION

26 Effective January 1, 2006, this bill institutes mandatory
27 electronic filing of campaign finance statements of
28 organization, dissolution reports, and disclosure reports by
29 all candidates for statewide office and for the general
30 assembly and by all political (action) committees and state
31 statutory political committees (state party central
32 committees). The required electronic filing shall be made by
33 5:00 p.m. on the day the filing is due; information filed by
34 12 noon shall be made available to the public via the internet
35 on the same day, unless filed on a Saturday, Sunday, or after

1 12 noon on a Friday in which case the information shall be
2 made available by 5:00 p.m. on the following business day.

3 Any other candidate or committee may submit its campaign
4 finance statements of organization, dissolution reports, and
5 disclosure reports in an electronic format.

6 A willful violation of the bill's requirements constitutes
7 a serious misdemeanor under Code section 68A.701. A serious
8 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one
9 year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more than \$1,500.

10 Civil penalty assessments for late filing of disclosure
11 reports may be made by the board under its administrative
12 rules.

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