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HOUSE FILE 2594
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 664)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the filing of reports and statements with the
2 ethics and campaign disclosure board and the use of certain
3 resources for political campaign purposes.

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

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2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

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4 board reports disclosing information required under this
5 section on forms prescribed by rule. Reports shall be filed
6 on or before the required due dates by using any of the
7 following methods: mail bearing a United States postal
8 service postmark, hand-delivery, facsimile transmission, or
9 electronic filing as prescribed by rule. A report that is
10 required to be filed five days before an election must be
11 physically received by the board to be considered timely
12 filed. This requirement does not apply to a supplementary
13 report under subsection 2, paragraph "b".

14 Sec. 2. Section 68A.503, subsection 2, Code Supplement
15 2005, is amended to read as follows:

16 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, it is unlawful for
17 a member of a committee, or its employee or representative,
18 except a ballot issue committee, or for a candidate for office
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20 or knowingly receive from an insurance company, savings and
21 loan association, bank, credit union, or corporation organized
22 pursuant to the laws of this state, the United States, or any
23 other state, territory, or foreign country, whether for profit
24 or not, or its officer, agent, or representative, any money,
25 property, or thing of value belonging to the insurance
26 company, savings and loan association, bank, or corporation
27 for campaign expenses, or to expressly advocate that the vote
28 of an elector be used to nominate, elect, or defeat a
29 candidate for public office. This section does not restrain
30 or abridge the freedom of the press or prohibit the
31 consideration and discussion in the press of candidacies,
32 nominations, public officers, or public questions. The board
33 shall adopt rules concerning the use of resources belonging to
34 an incorporated media organization where the publisher, owner,
35 or editor of the incorporated media organization is a

1 candidate for public office.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill makes a number of revisions to Iowa's campaign
4 disclosure-income tax checkoff Act. With the exception of
5 certain supplementary reports, any other report which is
6 required to be filed five days prior to an election must be
7 physically received to be considered timely filed. A second
8 revision requires the ethics and campaign disclosure board to
9 adopt rules relating to the use of resources belonging to an
10 incorporated media organization when the publisher, owner, or
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H-8120

1 Amend House File 2594 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
3 following:

4 "Section 1. Section 68A.102, Code Supplement 2005,
5 is amended by adding the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. "527 tax-exempt group" means
7 a tax-exempt group organized under section 527 of the
8 Internal Revenue Code to raise moneys for political
9 activities including voter mobilization efforts, issue
10 advocacy, and other political activities.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 68A.105 CERTAIN ACCOUNTS BY
12 CANDIDATES PROHIBITED.

13 A candidate for public office shall not establish,
14 maintain, advise, conduct fundraising for, or
15 determine allocations from a 527 tax-exempt group."

16 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By JOCHUM of Dubuque

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