1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/12/01 A Bill 2 83rd General Assembly Act 564 of 2001 HOUSE BILL 1349 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Representative D. Elliott 6 By: Senator Argue 7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS 10 11 REQUIRED UNDER ARKANSAS CODE 7-6-207 SHALL ONLY BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO REQUIRE THE 12 SECRETARY OF STATE TO POST REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS 13 REQUIRED UNDER ARKANSAS CODE 7-6-207 ON ITS OFFICIAL 14 15 WEBSITE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 16 **Subtitle** 17 TO PROVIDE THAT REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS 18 19 SHALL ONLY BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF 20 21 STATE TO POST REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS 22 ON ITS OFFICIAL WEBSITE. 23 24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 25 26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-6-207(a)(1), regarding reports of 27 contributions, is amended to read as follows; 28 29 (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each candidate for office, other than a school district, township, municipal, or 30 31 county office, or a person acting in the candidate's behalf, shall file with 32 the Secretary of State and the county clerk in the county where the candidate 33 resi des: (A) For each quarter during a calendar year in which a 34 35 candidate is not listed on any ballot for election, a quarterly report of all contributions received and expenditures made during that quarter. The 36

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1 quarterly report shall be filed no later than fifteen (15) days after the end 2 of each quarter;

- 3 Beginning with the month of January in the calendar 4 year in which a candidate may be listed on any ballot for election, a monthly report of all contributions received and expenditures made during that month. 5 6 However, for any month in which certain days of that month are included in a 7 preelection report required under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section, no 8 monthly report for that month shall be due, but those days of that month not 9 included in the preelection report shall be carried forward and included in 10 the final report for that election. In the case of a primary or runoff 11 election, those days of the month not covered by the final report shall be 12 carried forward and included in the next monthly report. The monthly report 13 shall be filed no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each month, except that the final report, covering the month during which an election is 14 15 held, shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in 16 which the last election is held at which the candidate seeks nomination and 17 after the end of the month in which the general election is held. 18 respect to a special election, the candidate shall file monthly reports under 19 this section beginning with the month in which the special election 20 candidate's total campaign contributions or expenditures exceed five hundred 21 dollars (\$500); and
  - (C) No later than seven (7) days prior to a preferential primary election, a runoff election, a general election, or a special election, a preelection report of all contributions received and expenditures made between the period covered by the previous report and the period ten (10) days before the election.

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- SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-6-214 is amended to read as follows: 7-6-214. Publication of reports.
- (a) The information required in §§ 7-6-207 7-6-210 of this subchapter shall, upon proper filing, constitute a public record and shall be available within twenty-four (24) hours of the reporting deadline to all interested persons and the news media.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall post reports of contributions required in § 7-6-207 on its official website.
- 36 /s/ D. Elliott **APPROVED: 3/5/2001**