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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1243

TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND
EXPENDITURES; TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING AND PROTECT
ELECTION INTEGRITY; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1243

Amend House Bill 1243 as engrossed H2/4/25 (version: 2/4/25 10:34:23 AM):

Page 1, delete line 34, and substitute the following:

"clerk in an election year for the office that the candidate is seeking:"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 35 and 36, and substitute the following:

"~~subsection~~ (A)(i) A monthly report of all contributions received and"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 5

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "(a)(1)(C)" and substitute "(a)(1)(B)"

AND



Page 3, line 11, delete "(a)(1)(D)" and substitute "(a)(1)(C)"

AND

Page 3, line 16, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 3, line 18, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 3, line 25, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 3, line 28, delete "(C)(i)" and substitute "(B)(i)"

AND

Page 3, line 35, delete "(a)(1)(C)" and substitute "(a)(1)(B)"

AND

Page 4, line 3, delete "(D)(i)" and substitute "(C)(i)"

AND

Page 4, line 12, delete "(a)(1)(D)" and substitute "(a)(1)(C)"

AND

Page 4, line 14, delete "(E)(i)" and substitute "(D)(i)"

AND

Page 4, line 18, delete "(a)(1)(E)" and substitute "(a)(1)(D)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 29, and substitute the following:

"holder expenses or a future election.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, in a year for which there is no election for the office that the candidate is seeking, each candidate for school district, township, or municipal office, or a person acting in the candidate's behalf, shall file with the county clerk no later than December 31 an annual report of all contributions received and expenditures made for the year."

AND

Immediately following SECTION 1 of the bill, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-208(d), concerning reports of contributions not required for candidates for school district, township, or municipal office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Reports Not Required.

(1) A candidate who has not received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall not be required to file any preelection reports required under ~~subdivision (a)(1)~~ subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A candidate who has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) but not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall only file:

(A) A preelection report required under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section; and

(B) A final report required under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section.

(3) In calculating the amount of contributions received or expenditures made for purposes of this exception, the payment of the filing

fee from the candidate's personal funds shall not be considered as either a contribution or an expenditure.

~~(2)(4)~~ The preelection reports referenced in ~~subdivision (a)(1)~~ subsection (a) of this section are required only for candidates with opponents in those elections."

AND

Page 4, line 36, delete "clerk:" and substitute "clerk in an election year for the office that the candidate is seeking:"

AND

Page 5, delete line 36, and substitute the following:

"~~subsection (A)(i)~~ A monthly report of all contributions received and"

AND

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 6

AND

Page 6, line 10, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 6, line 11, delete "(a)(1)(C)" and substitute "(a)(1)(B)"

AND

Page 6, line 12, delete "(a)(1)(D)" and substitute "(a)(1)(C)"

AND

Page 6, line 17, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 6, line 19, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 6, line 26, delete "(a)(1)(B)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 6, line 29, delete "(C)(i)" and substitute "(B)(i)"

AND

Page 6, line 35, delete "(a)(1)(C)" and substitute "(a)(1)(B)"

AND

Page 7, line 3, delete "(D)(i)" and substitute "(C)(i)"

AND

Page 7, line 11, delete "(a)(1)(D)" and substitute "(a)(1)(C)"

AND

Page 7, line 13, delete "(E)(i)" and substitute "(D)(i)"

AND

Page 7, line 17, delete "(a)(1)(E)" and substitute "(a)(1)(D)"

AND

Page 7, delete line 28, and substitute the following:

"holder expenses or a future election."

(3) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, in a year for which there is no election for the office that the candidate is seeking, each candidate for county office, or a person acting in the candidate's behalf, shall file with the county clerk not later than December 31 an annual report of all contributions received and expenditures made for the year."

AND

Immediately following SECTION 2 of the bill, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-6-209(d), concerning reports of contributions not required for candidates for county office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Reports Not Required.

(1) A candidate who has not received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall not be required to file any preelection reports required under ~~subdivision (a)(1)~~ subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A candidate who has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) but not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall only file:

(A) A preelection report required under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section; and

(B) A final report required under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section.

(3) In calculating the amount of contributions received or expenditures made for purposes of this exception, the payment of the filing fee from the candidate's personal funds shall not be considered as either a contribution or an expenditure.

~~(2)(4)~~ The preelection reports referenced in ~~subdivision (a)(1)~~ subsection (a) of this section are required only for candidates with opponents in those elections."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
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