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SENATE BILL 822

5 By: Senators K. Ingram, E. Williams, *Maloch, R. Thompson*
6 By: Representatives Slinkard, Ferguson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING INITIATIVE PETITIONS; TO INCREASE
10 TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT TO INITIATED ACTS; TO
11 REQUIRE MORE COMPLETE DISCLOSURE BY BALLOT QUESTION
12 COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE QUESTION COMMITTEES; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT TO
18 INITIATED ACTS; AND TO REQUIRE MORE
19 COMPLETE DISCLOSURE BY BALLOT QUESTION
20 COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE QUESTION
21 COMMITTEES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-406, concerning the requirements for
27 financial reports relating to a petition for a ballot question or legislative
28 question, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

29 (g) A final financial report as described in § 7-9-409(a)(3) is
30 required regardless of whether a ballot question committee, individual,
31 public servant, or governmental body received contributions or made
32 expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-9-407 is amended to read as follows:

35 7-9-407. Financial report – Information.

36 A financial report of a ballot question committee, a legislative



1 question committee, an individual person, a public servant, or a governmental
2 body, as required by § 7-9-406, shall contain the following information:

3 (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the committee,
4 individual person, public servant, or governmental body filing the ~~statement~~
5 report;

6 (2)(A) For a committee:

7 (i) The total amount of contributions received
8 during the period covered by the financial report;

9 (ii) The total amount of expenditures made during
10 the period covered by the financial report;

11 (iii) The cumulative amount of ~~those totals~~
12 contributions and expenditures reported under subdivisions (2)(A)(i) and (ii)
13 of this section for each ballot question or legislative question;

14 (iv) The balance of cash and cash equivalents on
15 hand at the beginning and the end of the period covered by the financial
16 report;

17 (v) The total amount of contributions received
18 during the period covered by the financial ~~statement~~ report from persons who
19 contributed less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the cumulative amount of
20 that total for each ballot question or legislative question;

21 (vi) The total amount of contributions received
22 during the period covered by the financial ~~statement~~ report from persons who
23 contributed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more and the cumulative amount of that
24 total for each ballot question or legislative question;

25 (vii) The name and street address of each person who
26 contributed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more during the period covered by the
27 financial report, together with the amount contributed, the date of receipt,
28 and the cumulative amount contributed by that person for each ballot question
29 or legislative question; ~~and~~

30 (viii) For each person listed under subdivision
31 (2)(A)(vii) of this section, the contributor's principal place of business,
32 employer, occupation, the amount contributed, the date the contribution was
33 accepted by the committee, and the cumulative amount contributed for each
34 ballot question or legislative question;

35 (ix) The name and address of each person who
36 contributed a nonmoney item, together with a description of the item, the

1 date of receipt, and the value, not including volunteer service by
2 individuals;

3 (x) A list of all paid canvassers, officers, and
4 directors and the amount each person was paid;

5 (xi) A list of all expenditures by category,
6 including without limitation the following:

7 (a) Advertising;

8 (b) Direct mail;

9 (c) Office supplies;

10 (d) Travel;

11 (e) Expenses; and

12 (f) Telephone; and

13 (xii) The total amount of nonitemized expenditures
14 made during the period covered by the financial report;

15 (B) For an individual person:

16 (i) The total amount of expenditures made during the
17 period covered by the financial report; and

18 (ii) The cumulative amount of ~~that total~~
19 expenditures for each ballot question or legislative question.

20 (C) For a public servant or governmental body using public
21 funds:

22 (i) The total amount of expenditures made during the
23 period covered by the financial report; and

24 (ii) The cumulative amount of ~~that total~~
25 expenditures for each ballot question or legislative question; and

26 (3) The name and street address of each person to whom
27 expenditures ~~totalling~~ totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more were made,
28 together with the date and amount of each separate expenditure to each person
29 during the period covered by the financial report and the purpose of ~~the~~ each
30 expenditure.

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32 /s/K. Ingram