# SENATE BILL NO. 385–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

MARCH 29, 2005

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to campaign finance. (BDR 24-575)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to campaign finance; defining certain terms related to regulation of campaign finance; requiring a candidate or public officer to file a report when the candidate or public officer receives a contribution in excess of \$1,000; clarifying when a candidate or public officer shall file certain reports on contributions and expenditures; requiring a candidate who loses an election to file certain reports on contributions and expenditures; requiring certain public officers who resign or are removed from office to dispose of unspent campaign contributions and to file certain reports on contributions and expenditures; providing that a filing officer may accept an amended report for certain reports on contributions or expenditures; clarifying that a committee for the recall of a public officer shall file certain reports on contributions or expenditures if a petition for the recall of a public officer is submitted without sufficient signatures to force a special election; requiring a person or group of persons advocating a question on a ballot to register with the Secretary of State; requiring reports on expenditures to include the name and address of the person to whom the expenditure was made and a brief description of the expenditure; requiring certain persons



making certain expenditures to file a single report in conjunction with other persons making certain expenditures; revising the form used to report certain contributions or expenditures; revising the provisions relating to a civil penalty for a financial disclosure form filed by a public official after the deadline for filing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 294A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

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- Sec. 2. 1. "Make an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group" includes, without limitation:
- (a) Making an expenditure after listening to a candidate or group of candidates make a general request for support which does not request a specific method for providing such support;
- 10 (b) Making an expenditure after a candidate or group of 11 candidates appeared before the person making the expenditure if 12 the expenditure was not discussed during the appearance;
  - (c) Making an expenditure after interviewing a candidate or group of candidates;
  - (d) Using materials provided by a candidate or group of candidates to create advertising on television, radio, billboards, posters and in newspapers;
  - (e) Employing a person who worked for a candidate or group of candidates on a campaign before the current campaign; or
  - (f) Informing a candidate or group of candidates that an expenditure was made on behalf of the candidate or group of candidates without the approval of the candidate or group of candidates.
    - 2. The term does not include making an expenditure:
  - (a) Based on information about the specific needs of a candidate or group of candidates provided by the candidate or group of candidates or a representative of the candidate or group or candidates;
- 29 (b) At the request or suggestion of a candidate or group of 30 candidates or a representative of the candidate or group or 31 candidates;
- 32 (c) Approved by a candidate or group of candidates or a 33 representative of the candidate or group or candidates;



(d) To reprint and distribute campaign materials obtained from a candidate or group of candidates or a representative of the candidate or group or candidates; or

(e) To employ a person who is also employed by the candidate or group of candidates on the campaign of the candidate or group

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- "Personal use" means a commitment, obligation, Sec. 3. purchase or expense that would exist irrespective of the campaign of a candidate or the duties of holding a state, district, county, city or township office, including, without limitation:
  - 1. The payment of a mortgage, rent or utilities;

2. The purchase of clothing;

- An expense for an automobile that is not directly related to a campaign activity;
- The dues or expenses relating to membership in a fraternal or social club;
- 17 5. A vacation or other trip not directly related to a campaign 18 activity;
  - An expense for food for a household; 6.

The payment of tuition;

- The payment for admission to a sporting event, concert, theater or other form of entertainment that is not directly related 22 to a campaign activity; and 23
  - 9. The dues or other expenses relating to a membership to a health club, gymnasium or other recreational facility.
  - "Proceedings are commenced to place a question on Sec. 4. the ballot" means:
- 1. A copy of a petition for initiative or referendum is placed 28 29 on file with the appropriate filing officer before it is presented to the registered voters for their signatures; or 30

2. A governmental entity decides to submit the question to the

electors by placing the question on a ballot.

- Sec. 5. 1. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in NRS 294A.120, NRS 294A.125, 294A.200 and 294A.360, a candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office or a public officer who holds a state, district, county, city or township office who receives from a person:
  - (a) A single contribution in excess of \$1,000; or
- (b) A contribution which, when combined with all other contributions received from the person during any single reporting period described in this chapter, cumulatively exceeds \$1,000,

⇒ shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the contribution, report the receipt of the contribution.

44 The reports must be submitted on the form designed and 45 provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373.



Each form must contain a statement, signed by the candidate or public officer under penalty of perjury, verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete.

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each person who made a contribution required to be

reported pursuant to this section.

- 4. The report must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate or public officer files the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy for the public office the candidate intends to seek or the public officer holds. A candidate or public officer may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
  - (a) On the date it is postmarked if it was sent by regular mail.
  - (b) On the date it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail.
- (c) On the date it was received by the officer if the report was delivered personally or transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means.
- 5. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 4 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
- 6. Â county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial office or a public officer who holds a legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report of contributions and expenditures pursuant to subsection 4 or an amended report pursuant to subsection 5 shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
- Sec. 6. 1. Each person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election, general city election or special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall, before engaging in any activity in this State, register with the Secretary of State on forms supplied by him.
  - 2. The form must require:
  - (a) The name of the person or group of persons;
- 40 (b) The purpose for which the person or group of persons 41 organized;
- 42 (c) The names and addresses of the officers of the person or 43 group of persons, if applicable;



(d) If the person or group of persons is affiliated with any other organizations, the name and address of each such organization;

- (e) The name and address of the resident agent of the person or group of persons; and
- (f) Any other information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.
- 3. A person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election, general city election or special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall file with the Secretary of State an amended form for registration within 30 days after any change in the information contained in the form for registration.
- Sec. 7. Each person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election, general city election or special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall appoint and keep in this State a resident agent who must be a natural person who resides in this State.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 294A.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 294A.004 to 294A.009, inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 294A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 294A.100 1. A person shall not make a contribution or contributions to a candidate for any office, except a federal office, in an amount which exceeds \$5,000 for the primary election or primary city election, regardless of the number of candidates for the office, and \$5,000 for the general election or general city election, regardless of the number of candidates for the office, during the period:
  - (a) Beginning from 30 days before the regular session of the Legislature immediately following the last election for the office and ending 30 days before the regular session of the Legislature immediately following the next election for the office, if that office is a state, district, county or township office; or
  - (b) Beginning from 30 days after the last election for the office and ending 30 days before the next general city election for the office, if that office is a city office.
  - 2. A person shall not make a contribution or contributions to a candidate for any office, except a federal office, in an amount



which exceeds \$5,000 for or a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled, regardless of the number of candidates for the office.

- 3. A candidate shall not accept a contribution made in violation of [subsection 1.1] subsection 1 or 2.
- [3.] 4. A person who willfully violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - **Sec. 10.** NRS 294A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.120 1. [Every candidate for] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, every public officer who holds a state, district, county or township office [at a primary or general election] shall, not later than January 15 of each year [.] the person holds such an office and for the year following the last year the person held office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office.]
- 2. Every public officer who holds a state, district, county or township office and who resigns or is removed from that office and is not a candidate for any other office shall, not later than the 30th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the public officer pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100.
- 3. Except as otherwise provides in subsection 5, every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year;
- (b) Seven days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election;



- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election; and
- [(e)] (d) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through June 30 of that year,
  - report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he receives during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
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- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year;
- (b) Seven days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election; [and]
- (b)] (c) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election ; and
- 28 (d) January 15 of the year following the general election for 29 that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election 30 through December 31 of the year of the general election,
- ⇒ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
  - 4.] 5. Every candidate for a state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election who is not elected to that office shall, not later than the 30th day of the second month after his defeat, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the candidate pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after his defeat, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100.



**6.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection [5,] 7, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:

- (a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from his nomination through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 5.] 7. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall [list] report each of the campaign contributions that he receives, [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury,] 30 days after:
- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or
- (b) A district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.
- [6.] 8. Reports of campaign contributions must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement, signed by the candidate or public officer under penalty of perjury, verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete.
- **9.** Reports of campaign contributions must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate *or public officer* filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate *or public officer* may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- 39 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; 40 or
  - (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.



[7.] 10. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 9 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.

- 11. Every county clerk who receives from candidates for legislative or judicial office [,] or a public officer who holds a legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to this section or amended reports pursuant to subsection 10 shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
- [8.] 12. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.
  - **Sec. 11.** NRS 294A.125 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.125 1. In addition to complying with the requirements
- set forth in NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 and 294A.360, *and section 5 of this act*, a candidate who receives contributions in any year before the year in which the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held shall, for:
- (a) The year in which he receives contributions in excess of \$10,000, list each of the contributions that he receives and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year.
- (b) Each year after the year in which he received contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year of the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held, list each of the contributions that he received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year.
- 2. The reports required by subsection 1 must be submitted on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must [be] contain a statement, signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury [.], verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete.
- 3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the list for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions that a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount.
  - 4. The report must be filed:
- (a) With the officer with whom the candidate will file the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy for the public office the candidate intends to seek. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail,



facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:

city election for that office.

- (1) On the date it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail.
- (2) On the date it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
  - (b) On or before January 15 of the year immediately after the year for which the report is made.
  - 5. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 4 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
  - **6.** A county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report of contributions and expenditures pursuant to subsection 4 or an amended report pursuant to subsection 5 shall file a copy of [the] each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.140 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party and committee sponsored by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he or it received during the period and contributor

which cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection

apply to the person, committee or political party beginning the year

of the general election or general city election for that office through

the year immediately preceding the next general election or general

2. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of



candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

- (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through June 30 of that year,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]
- 3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the current reporting period.
- 4. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from



a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]

- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]
- 6. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall report each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.] 30 days after:
- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or
- (b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.
- 7. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 that receives from a person:
  - (a) A single contribution in excess of \$1,000; or



(b) A contribution which, when combined with all other contributions received from the person during any single reporting period described in this section, cumulatively exceeds \$1,000,

report the receipt of the contribution, report the receipt of the contribution. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each person who made a contribution required to be reported pursuant to this subsection.

- 8. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 that is required to file a report pursuant to this section shall file a single report in conjunction with any other person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 that is required to file a report pursuant to this section if the persons, committees or political parties are:
  - (a) Controlled by a single natural person;

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- (b) Controlled by a majority of the same group of natural persons; or
- (c) Owned by a single natural person or group of natural persons who hold not less than a majority of the ownership in the persons, committees or political parties, unless the persons, committees or political parties are independently controlled and act independently.
- 9. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete:
- (a) If the report is filed by a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by the natural person filing the report.
- (b) If the report is filed by a committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party, signed under penalty of perjury by the treasurer of the committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party.
- (c) If the report is filed by a person other than those set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b), signed under penalty of perjury by a responsible officer of the person or by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the person.
- 10. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed with:
- (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or



(c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

- [8.] 11. A person or entity may file the report with the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
  - [9.] 12. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 10 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
  - 13. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section or an amended report pursuant to subsection 12 shall file a copy of [the] each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
  - [10.] 14. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he or it receives no contributions.
    - **Sec. 13.** NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 294A.150 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on [the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election] a ballot and who is required to register pursuant to section 6 of this act shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during that period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.] The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:
  - (a) Each year in which proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat;
  - (b) Each year in which an election or city election is held for each question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat; and



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- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the [January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and
- 34 [(e)] (d) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through June 30 of that year,
  - report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.]
  - 3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a



contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

- 4. If proceedings are commenced to place a question [is] on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If proceedings are commenced to place a question [is] on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the [January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and
- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.]
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if proceedings are commenced to place a question to be placed on the ballot at a special election, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of [a] the question or group of questions [on the ballot at a special election] that includes the question shall, not later than:



- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the [date that the question qualified for the ballot] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and
- [(b)] (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. [The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

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- 6. If proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of [a] the question or group of questions [on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled] that includes the question shall report each of the contributions received [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:
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- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the period from the [filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the special election; or
- [(b)] (c) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the [filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the date of the district court's decision.



- 1 7. Every person or group of persons to which the provisions of this section apply that receives from a person:
  - (a) A single contribution in excess of \$1,000; or

- (b) A contribution which, when combined with all other contributions received from the person during any single reporting period described in this section, cumulatively exceeds \$1,000,
- ⇒ shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the contribution, report the receipt of the contribution. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each person who made a contribution required to be reported pursuant to this subsection.
- 8. Every person or group of persons that is required to file a report pursuant to this section shall file a single report in conjunction with any other person or group of persons that is required to file a report pursuant to this section if the persons or groups of persons are:
  - (a) Controlled by a single natural person;
- (b) Controlled by a majority of the same group of natural persons; or
- (c) Owned by a single natural person or group of natural persons who hold not less than a majority of the ownership in the persons or groups of persons, unless the persons or groups of persons are independently controlled and act independently.
- 9. The reports required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete:
- (a) If the report is filed by a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by the natural person filing the report.
- (b) If the report is filed by a person other than a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by a responsible officer of the person or by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the person.
- (c) If the report is filed by a group of persons, signed under penalty of perjury by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the group of persons.
- **10.** The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:
- 40 (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;
  - (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or
  - (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.



- [8.] 11. A person may mail or transmit his report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- [9.] 12. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 10 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
- 13. If the person or group of persons is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question.
- [10.] 14. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section or an amended report pursuant to subsection 12 shall file a copy of [the] each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
- **Sec. 14.** NRS 294A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.160 1. It is unlawful for a candidate to spend money received as a campaign contribution for his personal use.
- 2. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office at a primary, general, primary city, general city or special election who is elected to that office and received contributions that were not spent or committed for expenditure before the primary, general, primary city, general city or special election shall:
  - (a) Return the unspent money to contributors;
- (b) Use the money in his next election or for the payment of other expenses related to public office or his campaign, regardless of whether he is a candidate for a different office in his next election;
  - (c) Contribute the money to:

- (1) The campaigns of other candidates for public office or for the payment of debts related to their campaigns;
  - (2) A political party;
- (3) A person or group of persons advocating the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot; or
- (4) Any combination of persons or groups set forth in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3);
  - (d) Donate the money to any tax-exempt nonprofit entity; or
- (e) Dispose of the money in any combination of the methods provided in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive.
- 3. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office at a primary, general, primary city, general city or special



election who is not elected to that office and received contributions that were not spent or committed for expenditure before the primary, general, primary city, general city or special election shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after his defeat:

- (a) Return the unspent money to contributors;
- (b) Contribute the money to:

- (1) The campaigns of other candidates for public office or for the payment of debts related to their campaigns;
  - (2) A political party;
- (3) A person or group of persons advocating the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot; or
- 12 (4) Any combination of persons or groups set forth in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3);
  - (c) Donate the money to any tax-exempt nonprofit entity; or
  - (d) Dispose of the money in any combination of the methods provided in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).
  - 4. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office who is defeated at a primary or primary city election and received a contribution from a person in excess of \$5,000 shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after his defeat, return any money in excess of \$5,000 to the contributor.
    - 5. Every public officer who:
    - (a) Holds a state, district, county, city or township office;
  - (b) Resigns or is removed from that office and is not a candidate for any other office; and
  - (c) Has contributions that are not spent or committed for expenditure remaining from a previous election,
  - ⇒ shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, dispose of those contributions in the manner provided in subsection 3.
    - **6.** Every public officer who:
    - (a) Holds a state, district, county, city or township office;
  - (b) Does not run for reelection and is not a candidate for any other office; and
  - (c) Has contributions that are not spent or committed for expenditure remaining from a previous election,
  - ⇒ shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after the expiration of his term of office, dispose of those contributions in the manner provided in subsection 3.
  - [6.] 7. In addition to the methods for disposing the unspent money set forth in subsections 2, 3 and 4, a Legislator may donate not more than \$500 of that money to the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum created pursuant to NRS 427A.320.
  - [7.] 8. Any contributions received before a candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office at a primary, general,



primary city, general city or special election dies that were not spent or committed for expenditure before the death of the candidate must be disposed of in the manner provided in subsection 3.

- [8.] 9. The court shall, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed pursuant to NRS 294A.420, order the candidate or public officer to dispose of any remaining contributions in the manner provided in this section.
- [9.] 10. As used in this section, "contributions" include any interest and other income earned thereon.
- Sec. 15. NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.200 1. [Every candidate for] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, every public officer who holds a state, district, county or township office [at a primary or general election] shall, not later than January 15 of each year [.] the person holds such an office and for the year following the last year the person held office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs and each amount in excess of \$100 that he disposes of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate:
- 24 (a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office 25 through the year immediately preceding the next general election for 26 that office; and
  - (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.]
  - 2. Every public officer who holds a state, district, county or township office and who resigns or is removed from office and is not a candidate for any other office shall, not later than the 30th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the public officer pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs and each amount in excess of \$100 that he period.
  - 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:



- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year;
- (b) Seven days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election;
- (c) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election; and
- (d) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through June 30 of that year,
- report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period. for the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of periury.
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- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that 24 office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through 25 December 31 of the previous year:
- (b) Seven days before the primary election for that office, for the 26 27 period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary 28 election through 12 days before the primary election; fand
  - (b) (c) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election ; and
- (d) January 15 of the year following the general election for 32 33 that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through December 31 of the year of the general election, 34
  - report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period. fon the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
  - 4. 5. Every candidate for a state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election who is not elected to that office shall, not later than the 30th day of the second month after his defeat, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the candidate pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after his defeat, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he



incurs and each amount in excess of \$100 that he disposes of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period.

**6.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection [5,] **7**, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:

- (a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from his nomination through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 5.] 7. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs, [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury,] 30 days after:
- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or
- (b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.
- [6.] 8. Reports of campaign expenses must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement, signed by the candidate or public officer under penalty of perjury, verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete.
- 9. Reports of campaign expenses must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate *or public officer* filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate *or public officer* may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.



[7.] 10. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 9 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.

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11. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or judicial office [...] or public officers who hold legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to this section or amended reports pursuant to subsection 10 shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.

**Sec. 16.** NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.210 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for an office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100. Jon the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or political party beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

- 2. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1



immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;

- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the June 30 of that year,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]
- 3. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later than:



(a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and

- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.]
- 5. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall list each expenditure made on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100, [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.] 30 days after:
- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or
- (b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.
- 6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.
- 7. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 that is required to file a report pursuant to this section shall file a single report in conjunction with any other person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 that is required to file a report pursuant to this section if the persons, committees or political parties are:
  - (a) Controlled by a single natural person;
- 42 (b) Controlled by a majority of the same group of natural 43 persons; or
  - (c) Owned by a single natural person or group of natural persons who hold not less than a majority of the ownership in the



persons, committees or political parties, unless the persons, committees or political parties are independently controlled and act independently.

- 8. The reports of expenses required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete:
- (a) If the report is filed by a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by the natural person filing the report.
- (b) If the report is filed by a committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party, signed under penalty of perjury by the treasurer of the committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party.
- (c) If the report is filed by a person other than those set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b), signed under penalty of perjury by a responsible officer of the person or by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the person.
  - **9.** The reports must be filed with:

- (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or
- (c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.
- [8.] 10. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate. A person may mail or transmit his report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
  - [9.] 11. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 9 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
  - 12. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section or an amended report pursuant to subsection 11 shall file a copy of [the] each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.



[10.] 13. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he or it receives no contributions.

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**Sec. 17.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.220 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on [the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election] a ballot and who is required to register pursuant to section 6 of this act shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100. fon the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.] The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:

- (a) Each year in which proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat;
- (b) Each year in which an election or city election is held for a question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat; and
- $\frac{[(b)]}{(c)}$  (c) The year after each year described in paragraph  $\frac{[(a)]}{(b)}$ .
- 2. If proceedings are commenced to place a question [is] on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If proceedings are commenced to *place* a question [is] on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:



(a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;

- (b) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the [January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and
- [(e)] (d) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the June 30 immediately preceding that July 15,
- → report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.]
- If proceedings are commenced to place a question [is] on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If *proceedings* are commenced to *place* a question [is] on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to



place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot;

- (b) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the [January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and
- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.]
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, if proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot at a special election, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of [a] the question or group of questions [on the ballot at a special election] that includes the question shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the [date the question qualified for the ballot] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and
- [(b)] (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
  - report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100. For the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.
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5. If proceedings are commenced to place a question on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of [a]



the question or group of questions [on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled] that includes the question shall list each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

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- (a) Seven days after proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot;
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the period from the [filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the special election; or
- [(b)] (c) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the [filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall] day proceedings are commenced to place the question on the ballot through the date of the district court's decision.
- 6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.
- 7. Every person or group of persons that is required to file a report pursuant to this section shall file a single report in conjunction with any other person or group of persons that is required to file a report pursuant to this section if persons or groups of persons are:
  - (a) Controlled by a single natural person;
- (b) Controlled by a majority of the same group of natural persons; or
  - (c) Owned by a single natural person or group of natural persons who hold not less than a majority of the ownership in the persons or groups of persons, unless the persons or groups of persons are independently controlled and act independently.
  - 8. The reports required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete:



(a) If the report is filed by a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by the natural person filing the report.

(b) If the report is filed by a person other than a natural person, signed under penalty of perjury by a responsible officer of the person or by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the person.

- (c) If the report is filed by a group of persons, signed under penalty of perjury by an attorney or certified public accountant acting as the agent for the group of persons.
- **9.** The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:
- (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;
  - (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or
- (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.
- [8.] 10. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question. A person may mail or transmit his report to the appropriate filing officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the filing officer:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- [9.] 11. A filing officer who accepts reports pursuant to subsection 9 may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
- 12. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section or an amended report pursuant to subsection 11 shall file a copy of [the] each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
  - **Sec. 18.** NRS 294A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection] subsections 2 and 3, each committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the special election to recall a public officer, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through 12 days before the special election; and
- 44 (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,



report each contribution received or made by the committee in excess of \$100. For the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee under penalty of perjury.

- 2. If a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer is not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent, the
- 2. A committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, report each contribution received by the committee, and each contribution made by the committee in excess of \$100 [...] if a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer:
  - (a) Is not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent; or
- (b) Is filed before the expiration of the notice of intent but does not contain a sufficient number of signatures pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS.
- 3. If a court does not order a special election for the recall of the public officer, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the court determines that an election will not be held, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each contribution received by the committee, and each contribution made by the committee in excess of \$100.
- 4. Each report of contributions required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement, verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete, signed under penalty of perjury by the treasurer of the committee for the recall of a public officer.
- 5. Each report of contributions must be filed with the Secretary of State. The committee may mail or transmit the report by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- [5.] 6. The Secretary of State may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.
- 7. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report



for each contribution, whether from or to a natural person, association or corporation, in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor or the committee has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

- **Sec. 19.** NRS 294A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.280 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection] subsections 2 and 3, each committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the special election to recall a public officer, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,
- report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100. [on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee under penalty of perjury.
- 20 2. If a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer is 21 not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent, the
  - 2. A committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100 [...] if a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer:
    - (a) Is not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent; or
  - (b) Is filed before the expiration of the notice of intent but does not contain a sufficient number of signatures pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS.
  - 3. If a court does not order a special election for the recall of the public officer, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the court determines that an election will not be held, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100.
  - 4. Each report of expenditures required pursuant to this section must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must contain a statement, verifying that the report was completed with reasonable diligence and is true and complete, signed under penalty of perjury by the treasurer of the committee for the recall of a public officer.
  - 5. Each report of expenditures must be filed with the Secretary of State. The committee may mail or transmit the report to the



Secretary of State by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State:

- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail;
- (b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- 6. The Secretary of State may accept a report filed to amend a report previously filed that is incomplete or contains inaccuracies.

**Sec. 20.** NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 294A.360 1. Every [candidate for] public officer who holds a city office [at a primary city election or general city election] shall file the reports in the manner required by subsection 1 of NRS 294A.120 and subsection 1 of 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year. [The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate:
- (a) Beginning the year of the general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general city election for that office; and
- (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.]
- 2. Every public officer who holds a city office and who resigns or is removed from that office and is not a candidate for any other office shall file the reports in the manner required by subsection 2 of NRS 294A.120 and subsection 2 of NRS 294A.200 for other offices not later than the 30th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the public officer pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after he resigns or is removed from office.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by subsection 3 of NRS 294A.120 and subsection 3 of 294A.200 for other offices not later than:
- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year;
- (b) Seven days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the



primary city election through 12 days before the primary city election;

- [(b)] (c) Seven days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary city election through 12 days before the general city election; and
- [(e)] (d) July 15 of the year of the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general city election through the June 30 of that year.

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- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by subsection 4 of NRS 294A.120 and subsection 4 of 294A.200 for other offices not later than:
- (a) January 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year;
- (b) Seven days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through 12 days before the primary city election; fand
- (b) (c) Seven days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary city election through 12 days before the general city election [-

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- (d) January 15 of the year following the general election for that office, for the period from 12 days before the general election through December 31 of the year of the general election.
- 5. Every candidate for a city office at a primary or general election who is not elected to that office shall file the reports in the manner required by subsection 5 of NRS 294A.120 and subsection 5 of 294A.200, not later than the 30th day of the second month after his defeat, for the period beginning the first day that was not covered by the last report filed by the candidate pursuant to this section through the 15th day of the second month after his defeat.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [5,] 7, every candidate for city office at a special election shall so file those reports:
  - (a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from his nomination through 12 days before the special election; and
  - (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election.



[5.] 7. Every candidate for city office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall so file those reports 30 days after:

- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or
- (b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

**Sec. 21.** NRS 294A.362 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.362 1. In addition to reporting information pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.200 and 294A.360, *and section 5 of this act*, each candidate who is required to file a report of campaign contributions and expenses pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.200 or 294A.360 *or section 5 of this act* shall report on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid. The candidate shall list on the form each such campaign contribution in excess of \$100 that he receives during the reporting period, each such campaign contribution from a contributor received during the reporting period which cumulatively exceeds \$100, and each such expense in excess of \$100 he incurs during the reporting period.

- 2. The Secretary of State and each city clerk shall not require a candidate to list the campaign contributions and expenses described in this section on any form other than the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373.
- Sec. 22. NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.365 1. Each report of expenditures required pursuant to NRS 294A.210, 294A.220 and 294A.280 must consist of a list of each expenditure in excess of \$100 that was made during the periods for reporting. Each report of expenses required pursuant to NRS 294A.125 and 294A.200 must consist of a list of each expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the periods for reporting. The list in each report must state [the category and]:
  - (a) The category of the expense or expenditure;
- (b) **The** amount of the expense or expenditure and the date on which the expense was incurred or the expenditure was made [...];
  - (c) A brief description of the expense or expenditure; and
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the name and address of the person who received payment for the expense or expenditure. The list must not state the name or address of an individual who was paid to circulate a petition. If an expense or



expenditure was incurred for the circulation of a petition, the list must state the total amount of the expense or expenditure relating to the circulation of the petition and the amount incurred or paid for each signature.

- 2. The categories of expense or expenditure for use on the 6 report of expenses or expenditures are:
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- (b) Expenses related to volunteers;
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- (d) Expenses related to advertising;
  - (e) Expenses related to paid staff;
  - (f) Expenses related to consultants;
  - (g) Expenses related to polling:
  - (h) Expenses related to special events;
- (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid; [and]
- (i) Disposition of unspent campaign contributions pursuant to NRŠ 294A.160; and
  - (k) Other miscellaneous expenses.
- 3. Each report of expenses or expenditures described in subsection 1 [must list] that lists the disposition of any unspent campaign contributions [using] pursuant to NRS 294A.160 must use the categories set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 294A.160 [...] for the description required pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of such disposition.
  - **Sec. 23.** NRS 294A.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.373 1. The Secretary of State shall design a single form to be used for all reports of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures that are required to be filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.360 and 294A.362 H and section 5 of this act.
- The form designed by the Secretary of State pursuant to this 34 35 section [must only]:
  - (a) Must request information specifically required by statute ::
  - (b) Must include a space to list:
- (1) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the 38 39 reporting period;
- 40 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the 41 reporting year;
- 42 (3) The amount of cash on hand at the end of the reporting 43 period; and
- 44 (4) The amount of cash on hand at the end of the reporting 45 year; and



- (c) May request any other information the Secretary of State deems appropriate.
  - 3. Upon request, the Secretary of State shall provide a copy of the form designed pursuant to this section to each person, committee, political party and group that is required to file a report described in subsection 1.
- NRS 294A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 24. 294A.390 The officer from whom a candidate or entity requests a form for:
  - 1. A declaration of candidacy;

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- An acceptance of candidacy;
- The registration of a committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer pursuant to NRS 294A.250; or
- The reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 16 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360, 17 18 or section 5 of this act,
- → shall furnish the candidate with the necessary forms for reporting 19 20 and copies of the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State 21 pursuant to this chapter. An explanation of the applicable provisions 22 of NRS 294A.100, 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 or section 23 24 5 of this act relating to the making, accepting or reporting of 25 campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.100 or 26 27 294A.420 must be developed by the Secretary of State and provided 28 upon request. The candidate or entity shall acknowledge receipt of 29 the material.
  - Sec. 25. NRS 294A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.400 The Secretary of State shall, within 30 days after receipt of the reports required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270 and 294A.280, *and section 5 of this act*, prepare and make available for public inspection a compilation of:
- The total campaign contributions, the contributions which are in excess of \$100 and the total campaign expenses of each of the candidates for legislative and judicial offices from whom reports of 38 39 those contributions and expenses are required.
- 40 The contributions made to a committee for the recall of a 41 public officer in excess of \$100.
  - The expenditures exceeding \$100 made by a:
  - (a) Person on behalf of a candidate other than himself.
- 44 (b) Person or group of persons on behalf of or against a question 45 or group of questions on the ballot.



- 1 (c) Group of persons advocating the election or defeat of a candidate.
  - (d) Committee for the recall of a public officer.

- 4. The contributions in excess of \$100 made to:
- (a) A person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate or group of candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of the candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group.
- (b) A person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot.
- 13 (c) A committee for political action, political party or committee 14 sponsored by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf 15 of a candidate or group of candidates.
  - **Sec. 26.** NRS 294A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 294A.420 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a person or entity that is subject to the provisions of NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 or section 5 or 6 or this act has not filed a report or form for registration pursuant to the applicable provisions of those sections, the Secretary of State may, after giving notice to that person or entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial District Court.
  - 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person or entity that violates an applicable provision of NRS 294A.112, 294A.120, 294A.130, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.160, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.300, 294A.310, 294A.320 or 294A.360 *or section 5 or 6 or this act* is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the State Treasurer.
  - 3. If a civil penalty is imposed because a person or entity has reported its contributions, expenses or expenditures after the date the report is due, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amount of the civil penalty is:
  - (a) If the report is not more than 7 days late, \$25 for each day after the first day the report is due that the report is late.
    - (b) If the report is more than 7 days late but not more than 15 days late, \$50 for each day *after the first day the report is due that* the report is late.



(c) If the report is more than 15 days late, \$100 for each day after the first day the report is due that the report is late.

- → A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection against a public officer who by law is not entitled to receive compensation for his office or a candidate for such an office must not exceed a total of \$100 if the public officer or candidate received no contributions and made no expenditures during the relevant reporting periods.
- 4. For good cause shown, *including*, *without limitation*, *filing* an amended report to correct a report filed by a candidate that was incomplete or contained inaccuracies, the Secretary of State may waive a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section. If the Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall:
- (a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the good cause shown; and
- (b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is available for review by the general public.
  - **Sec. 27.** NRS 281.581 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 281.581 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a candidate for public office or public officer willfully fails to file his statement of financial disclosure or willfully fails to file his statement of financial disclosure in a timely manner pursuant to NRS 281.559 or 281.561, the Secretary of State may, after giving notice to that person or entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial District Court.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a candidate for public office or public officer who willfully fails to file his statement of financial disclosure or willfully fails to file his statement of financial disclosure in a timely manner pursuant to NRS 281.559 or 281.561 is subject to a civil penalty and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the State Treasurer.
  - 3. The amount of the civil penalty is:
- (a) If the statement is filed not more than [10] 7 days after the applicable deadline set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 281.559 or subsection 1 of NRS 281.561, \$25 [...] for each day after the first day the statement is due that the statement is late.
- (b) If the statement is filed more than [10] 7 days but not more than [20] 15 days after the applicable deadline set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 281.559 or subsection 1 of NRS 281.561, \$50



[.] for each day after the first day the statement is due that the statement is late.

- (c) If the statement is filed more than [20 days but not more than 30] 15 days after the applicable deadline set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 281.559 or subsection 1 of NRS 281.561, \$100 [-
- (d) If the statement is filed more than 30 days but not more than 45 days after the applicable deadline set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 281.559 or subsection 1 of NRS 281.561, \$250.
- (e) If the statement is not filed or is filed more than 45 days after the applicable deadline set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 281.559 or subsection 1 of NRS 281.561, \$2,000.] for each day after the first day the statement is due that the statement is late.
- 4. For good cause shown, *including*, *without limitation*, *filing* an amended report to correct a report filed by a candidate that was incomplete or contained inaccuracies, the Secretary of State may waive a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section. If the Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall:
- (a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the good cause shown; and
- (b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is available for review by the general public.
- 5. As used in this section, "willfully" means deliberately, intentionally and knowingly.



