

SENATE BILL No. 57

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to candidate and political
2 committee reports to the secretary of state; email addresses; amending
3 K.S.A. 25-4144 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 and repealing the
4 existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
8 4144. Not later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, every candidate
9 shall appoint a treasurer or in lieu thereof shall appoint a candidate
10 committee. The treasurer so appointed may be the candidate making such
11 appointment. No candidate shall appoint more than one candidate
12 committee to exist at the same time. If a candidate appoints a candidate
13 committee, such candidate shall appoint a chairperson and a treasurer
14 thereof, and the treasurer so appointed may be the candidate. No person
15 who is registered as a lobbyist in accordance with K.S.A. 46-265, and
16 amendments thereto, shall be eligible for appointment as treasurer for any
17 candidate or candidate committee. The name ~~and~~, address *and email*
18 *address*, **which such email address shall be optional**, of each treasurer
19 and chairperson appointed under this section by a candidate for a state
20 office shall be reported to the secretary of state by the candidate not later
21 than 10 days after such appointment. The name ~~and~~, address *and email*
22 *address*, **which such email address shall be optional**, of each treasurer
23 and chairperson appointed under this section by a candidate for a local
24 office shall be reported to the county election officer by the candidate not
25 later than 10 days after such appointment. The candidate for governor shall
26 carry out the requirements and responsibilities of the candidate under the
27 campaign finance act, for the pair of candidates for governor and
28 lieutenant governor, unless another specific provision applies.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows: 25-4145. (a) Each party committee and each political committee
31 which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures shall
32 appoint a chairperson and a treasurer. The chairperson of each party
33 committee and each political committee which anticipates receiving
34 contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for state office shall
35 make a statement of organization and file it with the secretary of state not
36 later than 10 days after establishment of such committee. The chairperson

1 of each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or
2 making expenditures for any candidate for local office, shall make a
3 statement of organization and file it with the county election officer not
4 later than 10 days after establishment of such committee.

5 (b) Every statement of organization shall include:

6 (1) The name and address of the committee. The name of the
7 committee shall reflect the full name of the organization with which the
8 committee is connected or affiliated or sufficiently describe such
9 affiliation. If the political committee is not connected or affiliated with any
10 one organization, the name shall reflect the trade, profession or primary
11 interest of the committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such
12 organization;

13 (2) the names ~~and~~, addresses *and email addresses*, ***which such email***
14 ***addresses shall be optional,*** of the chairperson and treasurer of the
15 committee;

16 (3) the names and addresses of affiliated or connected organizations;
17 and

18 (4) in the case of a political committee, the full name of the
19 organization with which the committee is connected or affiliated or, name
20 or description sufficiently describing the affiliation or, if the committee is
21 not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the trade, profession
22 or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement
23 of purpose of such organization.

24 (c) Any change in information previously reported in a statement of
25 organization shall be reported on a supplemental statement of organization
26 and filed not later than 10 days following the change.

27 (d) (1) Each political committee which anticipates receiving
28 contributions shall register annually with the commission on or before July
29 1 of each year. Each political committee registration shall be in the form
30 and contain such information as may be required by the commission.

31 (2) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
32 of \$2,501 or more in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual
33 registration fee of \$300.

34 (3) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
35 of more than \$500 but less than \$2,501 in any calendar year shall be
36 accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$50.

37 (4) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt
38 of \$500 or less in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual
39 registration fee of \$25.

40 (5) Any political committee which is currently registered under
41 subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of
42 \$2,500 for a calendar year, shall file, within three days of the date when
43 contributions exceed such amount, an amended registration form which

1 shall be accompanied by an additional fee for such year equal to the
2 difference between \$300 and the amount of the fee that accompanied the
3 current registration.

4 (6) Any political committee which is currently registered under
5 subsection (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$500 but
6 which are less than \$2,501, shall file, within three days of the date when
7 contributions exceed \$500, an amended registration form which shall be
8 accompanied by an additional fee of \$25 for such year.

9 (e) All such fees received by or for the commission shall be remitted
10 to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215,
11 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
12 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
13 of the governmental ethics commission fee fund.

14 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-4144 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 are hereby
15 repealed.

16 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.