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SYNOPSIS

Requires all campaign contributions to be reported to ELEC.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the reporting of campaign contributions and
2 amending P.L.1973, c.83.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 8 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 8. a. (1) Each political committee shall make a full cumulative
10 report, upon a form prescribed by the Election Law Enforcement
11 Commission, of all contributions in the form of moneys, loans, paid
12 personal services, or other things of value made to it and all
13 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it in furtherance of
14 the nomination, election, or defeat of any candidate, or in aid of the
15 passage or defeat of any public question, or to provide political
16 information on any candidate or public question, during the period
17 ending 48 hours preceding the date of the report and beginning on
18 the date on which the first of those contributions was received or
19 the first of those expenditures was made, whichever occurred first.
20 The cumulative report, except as hereinafter provided, shall contain
21 the name and mailing address of each person or group from whom
22 moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value have
23 been contributed since 48 hours preceding the date on which the
24 previous such report was made and the amount contributed by each
25 person or group, and where the contributor is an individual, the
26 report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name
27 and mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any
28 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain
29 the name and mailing address of each person who has cosigned such
30 loan since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such
31 report was made, and where an individual has cosigned such loans,
32 the report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the
33 name and mailing address of the individual's employer. The
34 cumulative report shall also contain the name and address of each
35 person, firm or organization to whom expenditures have been paid
36 since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such report
37 was made and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure.
38 The cumulative report shall be filed with the Election Law
39 Enforcement Commission on the dates designated in section 16
40 hereof.

41 The campaign treasurer of the political committee reporting shall
42 certify to the correctness of each report.

43 Each campaign treasurer of a political committee shall file
44 written notice with the commission of a contribution in excess of
45 \$500 received during the period between the 13th day prior to the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 election and the date of the election, and of an expenditure of
2 money or other thing of value in excess of \$500 made, incurred or
3 authorized by the political committee to support or defeat a
4 candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any
5 public question, during the period between the 13th day prior to the
6 election and the date of the election. The notice of a contribution
7 shall be filed in writing or by electronic transmission within 48
8 hours of the receipt of the contribution and shall set forth the
9 amount and date of the contribution, the name and mailing address
10 of the contributor, and where the contributor is an individual, the
11 individual's occupation and the name and mailing address of the
12 individual's employer. The notice of an expenditure shall be filed
13 in writing or by electronic transmission within 48 hours of the
14 making, incurring or authorization of the expenditure and shall set
15 forth the name and mailing address of the person, firm or
16 organization to whom or which the expenditure was paid and the
17 amount and purpose of the expenditure.

18 (2) When a political committee or an individual seeking party
19 office makes or authorizes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate,
20 it shall provide immediate written notification to the candidate of
21 the expenditure.

22 b. (1) A group of two or more persons acting jointly, or any
23 corporation, partnership, or any other incorporated or
24 unincorporated association including a political club, political
25 action committee, civic association or other organization, which in
26 any calendar year contributes or expects to contribute at least
27 \$2,500.00 to the aid or promotion of the candidacy of an individual,
28 or of the candidacies of individuals, for elective public office or the
29 passage or defeat of a public question or public questions and which
30 expects to make contributions toward such aid or promotion, or
31 toward such passage or defeat, during a subsequent election shall
32 certify that fact to the commission, and the commission, upon
33 receiving that certification and on the basis of any information as it
34 may require of the group, corporation, partnership, association or
35 other organization, shall determine whether the group, corporation,
36 partnership, association or other organization is a continuing
37 political committee for the purposes of this act. If the commission
38 determines that the group, corporation, partnership, association or
39 other organization is a continuing political committee, it shall so
40 notify that continuing political committee.

41 No person serving as the chairman of a political party committee
42 or a legislative leadership committee shall be eligible to be
43 appointed or to serve as the chairman of a continuing political
44 committee.

45 (2) A continuing political committee shall file with the Election
46 Law Enforcement Commission, not later than April 15, July 15,
47 October 15 and January 15 of each calendar year, a cumulative
48 quarterly report of all moneys, loans, paid personal services or other

1 things of value contributed to it during the period ending on the
2 15th day preceding that date and commencing on January 1 of that
3 calendar year or, in the case of the cumulative quarterly report to be
4 filed not later than January 15, of the previous calendar year, and all
5 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it during the period,
6 whether or not such expenditures were made, incurred or authorized
7 in furtherance of the election or defeat of any candidate, or in aid of
8 the passage or defeat of any public question or to provide
9 information on any candidate or public question.

10 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and
11 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,
12 paid personal services or other things of value have been
13 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,
14 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report
15 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and
16 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any
17 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain
18 the name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and
19 where an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall
20 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing
21 address of the individual's employer. The report shall also contain
22 the name and address of each person, firm or organization to whom
23 expenditures have been paid and the amount and purpose of each
24 such expenditure. The treasurer of the continuing political
25 committee reporting shall certify to the correctness of each
26 cumulative quarterly report.

27 Each continuing political committee shall provide immediate
28 written notification to each candidate of all expenditures made or
29 authorized on behalf of the candidate.

30 If any continuing political committee submitting cumulative
31 quarterly reports as provided under this subsection receives a
32 contribution from a single source of more than \$500 after the final
33 day of a quarterly reporting period and on or before a primary,
34 general, municipal, school or special election which occurs after
35 that final day but prior to the final day of the next reporting period
36 it shall, in writing or by electronic transmission, report that
37 contribution to the commission within 48 hours of the receipt
38 thereof, including in that report the amount and date of the
39 contribution; the name and mailing address of the contributor; and
40 where the contributor is an individual, the individual's occupation
41 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer. If
42 any continuing political committee makes or authorizes an
43 expenditure of money or other thing of value in excess of \$500, or
44 incurs any obligation therefor, to support or defeat a candidate in an
45 election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any public question, after
46 March 31 and on or before the day of the primary election, or after
47 September 30 and on or before the day of the general election, it
48 shall, in writing or by electronic transmission, report that

1 expenditure to the commission within 48 hours of the making,
2 authorizing or incurring thereof.

3 A continuing political committee which ceases making
4 contributions toward the aiding or promoting of the candidacy of an
5 individual, or of the candidacies of individuals, for elective public
6 office in this State or the passage or defeat of a public question or
7 public questions in this State shall certify that fact in writing to the
8 commission, and that certification shall be accompanied by a final
9 accounting of any fund relating to such aiding or promoting
10 including the final disposition of any balance in such fund at the
11 time of dissolution. Until that certification has been filed, the
12 committee shall continue to file the quarterly reports as provided
13 under this subsection.

14 c. Each political party committee and each legislative
15 leadership committee shall file with the Election Law Enforcement
16 Commission, not later than April 15, July 15, October 15 and
17 January 15 of each calendar year, a cumulative quarterly report of
18 all moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value
19 contributed to it during the period ending on the 15th day preceding
20 that date and commencing on January 1 of that calendar year or, in
21 the case of the cumulative quarterly report to be filed not later than
22 January 15, of the previous calendar year, and all expenditures
23 made, incurred, or authorized by it during the period, whether or not
24 such expenditures were made, incurred or authorized in furtherance
25 of the election or defeat of any candidate, or in aid of the passage or
26 defeat of any public question or to provide information on any
27 candidate or public question.

28 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and
29 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,
30 paid personal services or other things of value have been
31 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,
32 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report
33 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and
34 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any
35 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain
36 the name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and
37 where an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall
38 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing
39 address of the individual's employer. The report shall also contain
40 the name and address of each person, firm or organization to whom
41 expenditures have been paid and the amount and purpose of each
42 such expenditure. The treasurer of the political party committee or
43 legislative leadership committee reporting shall certify to the
44 correctness of each cumulative quarterly report.

45 d. (1) Each independent expenditure committee shall file with
46 the Election Law Enforcement Commission, not later than April 15,
47 July 15, October 15 and January 15 of each calendar year, a
48 cumulative quarterly report, upon a form prescribed by the Election

1 Law Enforcement Commission, of all contributions received in
2 excess of \$10,000 in the form of moneys, loans, paid personal
3 services, or other things of value made to it, and of all expenditures
4 in excess of \$3,000 made, incurred, or authorized by it in
5 influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any election
6 or the nomination, election, or defeat of any person to State or local
7 elective public office or the passage or defeat of any public
8 question, legislation, or regulation, or in providing political
9 information on any candidate or public question, legislation, or
10 regulation, during the period ending 48 hours preceding the date of
11 the report and beginning on the date on which the first of those
12 contributions was received or the first of those expenditures was
13 made, whichever occurred first. The quarterly report, except as
14 hereinafter provided, shall contain the name and mailing address of
15 each person or group from whom moneys, loans, paid personal
16 services or other things of value have been contributed since 48
17 hours preceding the date on which such previous report was made
18 and the amount contributed by each person or group in excess of
19 \$10,000, and when the contributor is an individual, the report shall
20 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing
21 address of the individual's employer. In the case of any loan
22 reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain the
23 name and mailing address of each person who has cosigned such
24 loan since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such
25 report was made, and when an individual has cosigned such loans,
26 the report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the
27 name and mailing address of the individual's employer. The
28 quarterly report shall also contain the name and address of each
29 person, firm, or organization to whom expenditures have been paid
30 since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such report
31 was made and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure.

32 (2) An independent expenditure committee shall disclose all
33 expenditures made by it in excess of \$3,000, including, but not
34 limited to, for electioneering communications, voter registration,
35 get-out-the-vote efforts, polling, and research. The disclosures
36 required by this paragraph shall be reported to the Election Law
37 Enforcement Commission on the same schedule as required for
38 continuing political committees pursuant to this section.

39 The treasurer of the reporting independent expenditure
40 committee shall certify the correctness of each report and shall
41 maintain all records of contributions and expenditures for a period
42 of not less than four years.

43 The \$10,000 contribution amount and the \$3,000 expenditure
44 amount established in this subsection shall remain as stated in this
45 subsection without further adjustment by the commission pursuant
46 to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

47 e. When a political party committee, legislative leadership
48 committee or independent expenditure committee receives a

1 contribution from a single source of more than \$500 after the final
2 day of a quarterly reporting period and on or before a primary,
3 general, municipal, school, or special election which occurs after
4 that final day but prior to the final day of the next reporting period
5 it shall, in writing or by electronic transmission, report that
6 contribution to the commission within 48 hours of the receipt
7 thereof, including in that report the amount and date of the
8 contribution; the name and mailing address of the contributor; and
9 where the contributor is an individual, the individual's occupation
10 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer.
11 When a political party committee, legislative leadership committee,
12 or an independent expenditure committee makes or authorizes an
13 expenditure of money or other thing of value in excess of \$800, or
14 incurs any obligation therefor, to support or defeat a candidate in an
15 election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any public question, or to
16 aid the passage or defeat of legislation or regulation in the case of
17 an independent expenditure committee, after March 31 and on or
18 before the day of the primary election, or after September 30 and on
19 or before the day of the general election, it shall, in writing or by
20 electronic transmission, report that expenditure to the commission
21 within 48 hours of the making, authorizing or incurring thereof.

22 f. In any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section
23 the organization or committee reporting may exclude from the
24 report the name of and other information relating to any contributor
25 whose contributions during the period covered by the report did not
26 exceed \$300, provided, however, that (1) such exclusion is unlawful
27 if any person responsible for the preparation or filing of the report
28 knew that it was made with respect to any person whose
29 contributions relating to the same election or issue and made to the
30 reporting organization or committee aggregate, in combination with
31 the contribution in respect of which such exclusion is made, more
32 than \$300 and (2) any person who knowingly prepares, assists in
33 preparing, files or acquiesces in the filing of any report from which
34 the identification of a contributor has been excluded contrary to the
35 provisions of this section is subject to the provisions of section 21
36 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-21), but (3) nothing in this proviso
37 shall be construed as requiring any committee or organization
38 reporting pursuant to this act to report the amounts, dates or other
39 circumstantial data regarding contributions made to any other
40 organization or political committee, political party committee or
41 campaign organization of a candidate.

42 g. Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section
43 shall include an itemized accounting of all receipts and
44 expenditures relative to any testimonial affairs held since the date
45 of the most recent report filed, which accounting shall include the
46 name and mailing address of each contributor in excess of \$300 to
47 such testimonial affair and the amount contributed by each; in the
48 case of an individual contributor, the occupation of the individual

1 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer; the
2 expenses incurred; and the disposition of the proceeds of such
3 testimonial affair.

4 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as
5 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the
6 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,
7 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).
8 (cf: P.L.2019, c.124, s.2)

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10 2. Section 16 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-16) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 16. a. The campaign treasurer of each candidate committee and
13 joint candidates committee shall make a full cumulative report,
14 upon a form prescribed by the Election Law Enforcement
15 Commission, of all contributions in the form of moneys, loans, paid
16 personal services or other things of value, made to him or to the
17 deputy campaign treasurers of the candidate committee or joint
18 candidates committee, and all expenditures paid out of the election
19 fund of the candidate or candidates, during the period ending with
20 the second day preceding the date of the cumulative report and
21 beginning on the date of the first of those contributions, the date of
22 the first of those expenditures, or the date of the appointment of the
23 campaign treasurer, whichever occurred first. The report shall also
24 contain the name and mailing address of each person or group from
25 whom moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value
26 were contributed after the second day preceding the date of the
27 previous cumulative report and the amount contributed by each
28 person or group, and where an individual has made such
29 contributions, the report shall indicate the occupation of the
30 individual and the name and mailing address of the individual's
31 employer. In the case of any loan reported pursuant to this section,
32 the report shall further contain the name and mailing address of
33 each person who cosigns such loan, the occupation of the person
34 and the name and mailing address of the person's employer. If no
35 moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value were
36 contributed, the report shall so indicate, and if no expenditures were
37 paid or incurred, the report shall likewise so indicate. The
38 campaign treasurer and the candidate or several candidates shall
39 certify the correctness of the report.

40 b. During the period between the appointment of the campaign
41 treasurer and the election with respect to which contributions are
42 accepted or expenditures made by him, the campaign treasurer shall
43 file his cumulative campaign report (1) on the 29th day preceding
44 the election, and (2) on the 11th day preceding the election; and
45 after the election he shall file his report on the 20th day following
46 such election. Concurrent with the report filed on the 20th day
47 following an election, or at any time thereafter, the campaign
48 treasurer of a candidate committee or joint candidates committee

1 may certify to the Election Law Enforcement Commission that the
2 election fund of such candidate committee or joint candidates
3 committee has wound up its business and been dissolved, or that
4 business regarding the late election has been wound up but the
5 candidate committee or joint candidates committee will continue for
6 the deposit and use of contributions in accordance with section 17
7 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.2). Certification shall be
8 accompanied by a final accounting of such election fund, or of the
9 transactions relating to such election, including the final disposition
10 of any balance remaining in such fund at the time of dissolution or
11 the arrangements which have been made for the discharge of any
12 obligations remaining unpaid at the time of dissolution. Until the
13 candidate committee or joint candidates committee is dissolved,
14 each such treasurer shall continue to file reports in the form and
15 manner herein prescribed.

16 The Election Law Enforcement Commission shall promulgate
17 regulations providing for the termination of post-election campaign
18 reporting requirements applicable to political committees, candidate
19 committees and joint candidates committees. The requirements to
20 file quarterly reports after the first post-election report may be
21 waived by the commission, notwithstanding that the certification
22 has not been filed, if the commission determines under any
23 regulations so promulgated that the outstanding obligations of the
24 political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates
25 committee do not exceed 10% of the expenditures of the campaign
26 fund with respect to the election or \$1,000.00, whichever is less, or
27 are likely to be discharged or forgiven.

28 A candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall file
29 with the Election Law Enforcement Commission, not later than
30 April 15, July 15, October 15 of each calendar year in which the
31 candidate or candidates in control of the committee does or do not
32 run for election or reelection and January 15 of each calendar year
33 in which the candidate or candidates does or do run for election or
34 reelection, a cumulative quarterly report of all moneys, loans, paid
35 personal services or other things of value contributed to it or to the
36 candidate or candidates during the period ending on the 15th day
37 preceding that date and commencing on January 1 of that calendar
38 year or, in the case of the cumulative quarterly report to be filed not
39 later than January 15, of the previous calendar year, and all
40 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it or the candidate or
41 candidates during the period, whether or not such expenditures were
42 made, incurred or authorized in furtherance of the election or defeat
43 of any candidate, or in aid of the passage or defeat of any public
44 question or to provide information on any candidate or public
45 question. The commission may by regulation require any such
46 candidate committee or joint candidates committee to file during
47 any calendar year one or more additional cumulative reports of such
48 contributions received and expenditures made as may be necessary

1 to ensure that no more than five months shall elapse between the
2 last day of a period covered by one such report and the last day of
3 the period covered by the next such report.

4 The commission, on any form it shall prescribe for the reporting
5 of expenditures by a candidate committee or joint candidates
6 committee, shall provide for the grouping together of all
7 expenditures under the category of "campaign expenses" under
8 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.1993, c.65,
9 identified as such, and for the grouping together, separately, of all
10 other expenditures under the categories prescribed by paragraphs
11 (2) through (6) of that subsection. The cumulative quarterly report
12 due on April 15 in a year immediately after the year in which the
13 candidate or candidates does or do run for election or reelection
14 shall contain a report of all of the contributions received and
15 expenditures made by the candidate or candidates since the 18th day
16 after that election.

17 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and
18 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,
19 paid personal services or other things of value have been
20 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,
21 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report
22 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and
23 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any
24 loan reported pursuant to this section, the report shall contain the
25 name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and where
26 an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall indicate the
27 occupation of the individual and the name and mailing address of
28 his employer. The report shall also contain the name and address of
29 each person, firm or organization to whom expenditures have been
30 paid and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure. The
31 treasurer of the candidate committee or joint candidates committee
32 and the candidate or candidates shall certify to the correctness of
33 each cumulative quarterly report.

34 c. No candidate for elective public office shall be required to
35 file a duplicate copy of the campaign treasurer's report with the
36 county clerk of the county in which the candidate resides.

37 d. There shall be no obligation to file the reports required by
38 this section on behalf of a candidate if such candidate files with the
39 Election Law Enforcement Commission a sworn statement to the
40 effect that the total amount to be expended in behalf of his
41 candidacy by the candidate committee, by any political party
42 committee, by any political committee, or by any person shall not in
43 the aggregate exceed **[\$2,000.00]** \$2,000 or \$4,000 for any joint
44 candidates committee containing two candidates or \$6,000 for any
45 joint candidates committee containing three or more candidates.
46 The sworn statement may be submitted at the time when the name
47 and address of the campaign treasurer and depository is filed with
48 the Election Law Enforcement Commission, provided that in any

1 case the sworn statement is filed no later than the 29th day before
2 an election. **【**If a candidate who has filed such a sworn statement
3 receives contributions from any one source aggregating more than
4 \$300 he shall forthwith make report of the same, including the name
5 and mailing address of the source and the aggregate total of
6 contributions therefrom, and where the source is an individual, the
7 occupation of the individual and the name and mailing address of
8 the individual's employer, to the Election Law Enforcement
9 Commission. The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall
10 remain as stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the
11 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,
12 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).**】**

13 e. There shall be no obligation imposed upon a candidate
14 seeking election to a public office of a school district to file either
15 the reports required under subsection b. of this section or the sworn
16 statement referred to in subsection d. of this section, if the total
17 amount expended and to be expended in behalf of his candidacy by
18 the candidate committee, any political committee, any continuing
19 political committee, or a political party committee or by any person,
20 does not in the aggregate exceed \$2,000.00 per election or \$4,000
21 for any joint candidates committee containing two candidates or
22 \$6,000 for any joint candidates committee containing three or more
23 candidates **【**; provided, that if such candidate receives contributions
24 from any one source aggregating more than \$300, he shall forthwith
25 make a report of the same, including the name and mailing address
26 of the source, the aggregate total of contributions therefrom, and
27 where the source is an individual, the occupation of the individual
28 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer, to
29 the commission.

30 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as
31 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the
32 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,
33 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).**】**

34 f. **【**In any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this
35 section, the names and addresses of contributors whose
36 contributions during the period covered by the report did not exceed
37 \$300 may be excluded; provided, however, that (1) such exclusion
38 is unlawful if any person responsible for the preparation or filing of
39 the report knew that such exclusion was made with respect to any
40 person whose total contributions relating to the same election and
41 made to the reporting candidate or to an allied campaign
42 organization or organizations aggregate, in combination with the
43 total contributions in respect of which such exclusion is made, more
44 than \$300, and (2) any person who knowingly prepares, assists in
45 preparing, files or acquiesces in the filing of any report from which
46 the identity of any contributor has been excluded contrary to the
47 provisions of this section is subject to the provisions of section 21

1 of this act, but (3) nothing in this proviso shall be construed as
2 requiring any candidate committee or joint candidates committee
3 reporting pursuant to this act to report the amounts, dates or other
4 circumstantial data regarding contributions made to any other
5 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political
6 committee, continuing political committee, political party
7 committee or legislative leadership committee.

8 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as
9 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the
10 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,
11 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2) **】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____,
12 c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

13 g. Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section
14 shall include an itemized accounting of all receipts and
15 expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held since the date of
16 the most recent report filed, which accounting shall include the
17 name and mailing address of each contributor **【in excess of \$300】**
18 to such testimonial affair and the amount contributed by each; in the
19 case of any individual contributor, the occupation of the individual
20 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer; the
21 expenses incurred; and the disposition of the proceeds of such
22 testimonial affair.

23 **【**The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as
24 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the
25 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,
26 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).**】**

27 h. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.65.)

28 i. Each campaign treasurer of a candidate committee or joint
29 candidates committee shall file written notice with the commission
30 of a contribution in excess of \$500 received during the period
31 between the 13th day prior to the election and the date of the
32 election and of an expenditure of money or other thing of value in
33 excess of \$800 made, incurred or authorized by the candidate
34 committee or joint candidates committee to support or defeat a
35 candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any
36 public question, during the period between the 13th day prior to the
37 election and the date of the election, provided that a candidate shall
38 not be required to file written notice pursuant to this subsection of
39 an expenditure made to support his or her own candidacy, or to
40 support or defeat a candidate for the same office in an election. For
41 the purposes of this subsection, the offices of member of the Senate
42 and member of the General Assembly shall be deemed to be the
43 same office in a legislative district; the offices of member of the
44 board of chosen freeholders and county executive shall be deemed
45 to be the same office in a county; and the offices of mayor and
46 member of the municipal governing body shall be deemed to be the
47 same office in a municipality.

1 The notice of a contribution shall be filed in writing or by
2 telegram within 48 hours of the receipt of the contribution and shall
3 set forth the amount and date of the contribution, the name and
4 mailing address of the contributor, and where the contributor is an
5 individual, the occupation of the individual and the name and
6 mailing address of the individual's employer. The notice of an
7 expenditure shall be filed in writing or by telegram within 48 hours
8 of the making, incurring or authorization of the expenditure and
9 shall set forth the name and mailing address of the person, firm or
10 organization to whom or which the expenditure was paid and the
11 amount and purpose of the expenditure.

12 j. Each county shall provide on its Internet site a link to the
13 Internet site for the Election Law Enforcement Commission for the
14 purpose of providing public access to the reports that are required to
15 be submitted to the commission pursuant to this section.

16 (cf: P.L.2014, c.58, s.1)

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18 3. This act shall take effect on January 1 next following
19 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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24 The purpose of this bill is to require full disclosure of all
25 campaign contributions to the Election Law Enforcement
26 Commission (ELEC). At present, a political committee, continuing
27 political committee, legislative leadership committee, political party
28 committee, candidate committee, or joint candidates committee is
29 not obligated to report to ELEC the name and address of a
30 contributor of \$300 or less. This bill would require, instead, that
31 contributions of any amount be reported.