

CHAPTER 166  
SENATE BILL No. 196

AN ACT concerning campaign finance; amending K.S.A. 25-4148a, 25-4157a and 25-4169a and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-4148 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) Every treasurer for a candidate for state or local office shall file reports of campaign contributions as prescribed by this act. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both the office of the secretary of state and in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the candidate is a resident. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state-wide office shall be filed only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Reports required by this section shall be in addition to any other reports required by law.

(b) The report shall contain the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value of \$300 or more during the period commencing 11 days before a primary or general election at which a state or local officer is to be elected and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the date of election. The report shall be made on or before the close of business on the Thursday preceding the date of the election. The report shall contain the amount and date of the contribution, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when the contribution is in the form of an advance or loan.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed by hand delivery, express delivery service, facsimile transmission or any electronic method authorized by the secretary of state.

(d) (1) "Local office" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(2) "State office" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.

New Sec. 2. (a) Every treasurer for a party committee or political committee shall file reports of independent expenditures as prescribed by this act. Reports shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports required by this section shall be in additions to any other reports required by law.

(b) (1) The report shall contain the name and address of each party committee or political committee which has made or contracted to be made independent expenditures in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$300 or more during the period commencing 11 days before a primary or general election at which a state or local officer is to be elected and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the date of the election. Such report shall contain the amount, date and purpose of each such independent expenditure, as well as the name of the candidate whose nomination, election or defeat is expressly advocated. When an independent expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultant for disbursement to vendors, the report of such independent expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each, as well as the name of the candidate whose nomination, election or defeat is expressly advocated. The report shall be made on or before the close of business on the Thursday preceding the date of the election.

(2) In addition, a separate report shall be made on a daily basis for the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the election. Each daily report shall contain the information required in paragraph (1) of this section. Each report shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the next day respectively.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed by hand delivery, express delivery service, facsimile transmission or any electronic method authorized by the secretary of state.

(d) (1) "Expenditure" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(2) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made without the cooperation or consent of the candidate or agent of such candidate intended to be benefited and which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate.

(3) "Party committee" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(4) "Political committee" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.

New Sec. 3. (a) Every treasurer for a party committee or political committee shall file reports of contributions as prescribed by this act. Reports shall be filed with the secretary of state. Reports required by this section shall be in additions to any other reports required by law.

(b) (1) The report shall contain the name and address of each person who makes a contribution to the party committee or political committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$300 or more during the period commencing 11 days before a primary or general election at which a state or local officer is to be elected and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the date of the election. Such report shall contain the amount and date of each such contribution. The report shall be made on or before the close of business on the Thursday preceding the date of the election.

(2) In addition, a separate report shall be made on a daily basis for the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the election. Each daily report shall contain the information required in paragraph (1) of this section. Each report shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the next day respectively.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed by hand delivery, express delivery service, facsimile transmission or any electronic method authorized by the secretary of state.

(d) (1) "Contribution" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(2) "Party committee" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(3) "Political committee" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143 and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this section. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both the office of the secretary of state and in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the candidate is a resident. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state-wide office shall be filed only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (h), all such reports shall be filed in time to be received in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

(1) The eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive;

(2) the eighth day preceding a general election, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending 12 days before the general election, inclusive;

(3) January 10 of the year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;

(4) for any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be filed on the next January 10 for the preceding calendar year;

(5) a treasurer shall file only the annual report required by subsection (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a primary or general election.

(b) Each report required by this section shall state:

(1) Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;

(2) the name and address of each person who has made one or more

contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 during the election period together with the amount and date of such contributions, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;

(3) the aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;

(4) the aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and address of the contributor is not known;

(5) each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise listed;

(6) the total of all receipts;

(7) the name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50, with the amount, date, and purpose of each; the names and addresses of all persons to whom any loan or advance has been made; when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each;

(8) the name and address of each person from whom an in-kind contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of \$100 and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), and the amount, date and purpose of the contribution;

(9) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under this section; and

(10) the total of expenditures.

(c) *In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report the following:*

(1) (A) *The name and address of each candidate for state or local office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution has been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of \$300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided; and*

(B) *the name and address of each candidate for state or local office who is the subject of an expenditure which:*

(i) *Is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or candidate committee;*

(ii) *expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such candidate; and*

(iii) *is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of \$300.*

(2) *The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other requirements required by this section.*

~~(e)~~ (d) *Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall be required to itemize, as provided in subsection (b)(2), only the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 per event, or who purchases such a ticket or admission at a cost exceeding \$25 per ticket or admission. All other purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be reported in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the limitations specified in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.*

~~(e)~~ (e) *If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the full name of the organization with which the political committee is connected or affiliated or, ~~name or~~ a description sufficiently describing the affiliation or, if of the connection to or affiliation with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the report shall state the trade, profession or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.*

~~(e)~~ (f) *The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer*

contains material errors or omissions, ~~and~~. The notice of the errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within 30 days after notice by the commission.

~~(f)~~ (g) The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for any period for which the required report is not on file, ~~and~~. The notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five days after notice by the commission.

~~(g)~~ (h) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.

~~(h)~~ (i) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

~~(i)~~ (j) Any report required by this section may be signed by the candidate in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's committee.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 25-4148a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148a. When a report is made under this act and the amount being contributed by an individual is over \$150, the report shall list the occupation *and industry* of the individual contributor, ~~or if~~. If the individual contributor is not employed for compensation then the report shall list the occupation *and industry* of the contributor's spouse.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 25-4157a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4157a. (a) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate committee of any candidate as a contribution under this act shall be used or be made available for the personal use of the candidate and no such moneys shall be used by such candidate or the candidate committee of such candidate except for:

- (1) Legitimate campaign purposes;
- (2) expenses of holding political office;
- (3) contributions to the party committees of the political party of which such candidate is a member;
- (4) *any membership dues related to the candidate's campaign paid to a community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate;*
- ~~(4)~~ (5) *any membership dues or donations paid to a community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate or candidate committee of any candidate but only if the candidate receives no goods or services unrelated to the candidate's campaign as a result of the payment of such donations;*
- ~~(5)~~ (6) expenses incurred in the purchase of tickets to meals and special events sponsored by any organization the major purpose of which is to promote or facilitate the social, business, commercial or economic well being of the local community; or
- ~~(6)~~ (7) expenses incurred in the purchase and mailing of greeting cards to voters and constituents.

For the purpose of this subsection, expenditures for "personal use" shall include expenditures to defray normal living expenses for the candidate or the candidate's family and expenditures for the personal benefit of the candidate having no direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of the candidate or the holding of public office.

(b) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate committee of any candidate as a contribution shall be used to pay interest or any other finance charges upon moneys loaned to the campaign by such candidate or the spouse of such candidate.

(c) No candidate or candidate committee shall accept from any other candidate or candidate committee for any candidate for local, state or national office, any moneys received by such candidate or candidate committee as a campaign contribution. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from accepting moneys from another candidate or candidate committee if such moneys constitute a reimbursement for one candidate's proportional share of the cost of any campaign activity participated in by both candidates involved. Such reimbursement shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportional share of the cost directly benefiting and attributable to the personal campaign of the candidate making such reimbursement.

(d) At the time of the termination of any campaign and prior to the filing of a termination report in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4157, and

amendments thereto, all residual funds otherwise not obligated for the payment of expenses incurred in such campaign or the holding of office shall be contributed to a charitable organization, as defined by the laws of the state, contributed to a party committee or returned as a refund in whole or in part to any contributor or contributors from whom received or paid into the general fund of the state.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 25-4169a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4169a. (a) *(1) No officer or employee of the state of Kansas, or any county, any unified school district having 35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled, any city of the first class or the board of public utilities of the city of Kansas City, Kansas municipality, shall use or authorize the use of public funds or public vehicles, machinery, equipment or supplies of any such governmental agency or the time of any officer or employee of any such governmental agency, for which the officer or employee is compensated by such governmental agency, to expressly advocate the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate to state office or local office. The provisions of this section prohibiting the use of time of any officer or employee for such purposes shall not apply to an incumbent officer campaigning for nomination or reelection to a succeeding term to such office or to members of the personal staff of any elected officer.*

*(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no municipality shall permit or allow any person to distribute, or cause to be distributed, within any building or other structure owned, leased or rented by such municipality any brochure, flier, political fact sheet or other document which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office unless each candidate for such state or local office is permitted or allowed to do so in the same manner.*

*(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the term municipality shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 12-105a and amendments thereto.*

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 25-4148a, 25-4157a and 25-4169a and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-4148 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved May 18, 2008.

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