

121.005 Legislative findings on electronic storage and retrieval of campaign finance information.

- (1) The General Assembly finds and declares that:
 - (a) The intent of disclosure of campaign finance information is to make that information about political contributions and expenditures accessible to the public;
 - (b) The volume of campaign finance reports submitted each year to the state renders it virtually impossible, without the help of computer technology, to derive meaningful conclusions from the records; and
 - (c) Computer automation is a necessary and effective means of transmitting, organizing, storing, and retrieving vast amounts of data submitted by candidates in election campaigns.
- (2) The General Assembly enacts this legislation to accomplish the following:
 - (a) To improve the existing system of electronic reporting and extend its usage to more candidates;
 - (b) To allow concerned persons easy, convenient, and timely access to campaign finance reports submitted to the state;
 - (c) To ease the burden on candidates and committees of tabulating, filing, and maintaining public records of financial activity;
 - (d) To strengthen both the disclosure and enforcement capabilities of the Registry of Election Finance;
 - (e) To cooperate in the standardization of reporting formats among states so that interstate as well as intrastate sources of political money can be known;
 - (f) To provide for a fully informed electorate; and
 - (g) To help restore public trust in the governmental and electoral institutions of this state.

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