

1 AN ACT relating to campaign finance.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 121.180 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) (a) Any candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues committee shall be  
5 exempt from filing any campaign finance reports required by subsections (3)  
6 and (4) of this section if the candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues  
7 committee chair files a form prescribed and furnished by the registry stating  
8 that currently no contributions have been received and that contributions will  
9 not be accepted or expended in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in  
10 any one (1) election. A separate form shall be required for each primary,  
11 regular, or special election in which the candidate or slate of candidates  
12 participates or in which the public question appears on the ballot~~, unless the~~  
13 ~~candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues committee chair indicates on~~  
14 ~~a request for exemption that the request will be applicable to more than one~~  
15 ~~(1) election].~~ The ***initial*** form shall be filed with the same office with which a  
16 candidate or slate of candidates files nomination papers, ***including electronic***  
17 ***filing with the registry*** or, in the case of a political issues committee, ***only***  
18 ***electronically*** with the registry.
- 19 (b) For a primary, a candidate or slate of candidates shall file a request for  
20 exemption not later than the deadline for filing nomination papers and, except  
21 as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, shall be  
22 bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing not later than thirty (30)  
23 days preceding the primary. For a regular election, a candidate or slate of  
24 candidates shall file or rescind in writing a request for exemption not later  
25 than sixty (60) days preceding the regular election, except as provided in  
26 subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection. For a special election, a  
27 candidate or slate of candidates shall file a request for exemption not later

1 than ten (10) days after the candidate or slate of candidates is nominated for a  
2 special election and shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in  
3 writing not later than thirty (30) days preceding the special election. A  
4 political issues committee chair shall file a request for exemption when the  
5 committee registers with the registry and shall be bound by its terms unless it  
6 is rescinded in writing not later than thirty (30) days preceding the date the  
7 issue appears on the ballot.

8 (c) 1. A candidate or slate of candidates that revokes a request for exemption  
9 in a timely manner shall file all reports required of a candidate intending  
10 to raise or spend in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in an  
11 election. To revoke the request for an exemption, the candidate or slate  
12 of candidates shall file the appropriate form with the registry not later  
13 than the deadline for filing a revocation.

14 2. A candidate or slate of candidates that is exempted from campaign  
15 finance reporting requirements pursuant to paragraph (a) of this  
16 subsection but who accepts contributions or makes expenditures in  
17 excess of the exempted amount in an election, shall file all applicable  
18 reports required for the remainder of that election, based upon the  
19 amount of contributions or expenditures the candidate or slate of  
20 candidates accepts or receives in that election. ~~The filing of applicable~~  
21 ~~required reports by a candidate or slate of candidates after the exempted~~  
22 ~~amount is exceeded shall serve as notice to the registry that the initial~~  
23 ~~exemption has been rescinded. No further notice to the registry shall be~~  
24 ~~required and no penalty for exceeding the initial exempted amount shall~~  
25 ~~be imposed against the candidate or slate of candidates, except for~~  
26 ~~failure to file applicable reports required after the exempted amount is~~  
27 ~~exceeded.]~~

- 1 (d) Any candidate or slate of candidates that is subject to a June or August filing  
2 deadline and that intends to execute a request for exemption shall file the  
3 appropriate request for exemption not later than the filing deadline and, except  
4 as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, shall be  
5 bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing not later than sixty (60)  
6 days preceding the regular election. A candidate or slate of candidates that is  
7 covered by this paragraph shall have the same reversion rights as those  
8 provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- 9 (e) Any candidate or slate of candidates that will appear on the ballot in a regular  
10 election that has signed a request for exemption for that election may exercise  
11 the reversion rights provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this  
12 subsection if a candidate or slate of candidates that is subject to a June or  
13 August filing deadline subsequently files in opposition to the candidate or  
14 slate of candidates. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of  
15 this subsection, a candidate or slate of candidates covered by this paragraph  
16 shall comply with the deadline for rescission provided in subparagraph 1. of  
17 paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- 18 (f) Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, any  
19 candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a request for exemption for a  
20 regular election that later is opposed by a person who has filed a declaration of  
21 intent to receive write-in votes may rescind the request for exemption and  
22 exercise the reversion rights provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of  
23 this subsection.
- 24 (g) Any candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a request for exemption  
25 may petition the registry to determine whether another person is campaigning  
26 as a write-in candidate prior to having filed a declaration of intent to receive  
27 write-in votes, and, if the registry determines upon a preponderance of the

1 evidence that a person who may later be a write-in candidate is conducting a  
2 campaign, the candidate or slate of candidates, except as provided in  
3 subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, may petition the registry  
4 to permit the candidate or slate of candidates to exercise the reversion rights  
5 provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection.

6 (h) If the opponent of a candidate or slate of candidates is replaced due to his or  
7 her withdrawal because of death, disability, or disqualification, the candidate  
8 or slate of candidates, except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c)  
9 of this subsection, may exercise the reversion rights provided in subparagraph  
10 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection not later than fifteen (15) days after the  
11 party executive committee nominates a replacement for the withdrawn  
12 candidate or slate of candidates.

13 (i) A person intending to be a write-in candidate for any office in a regular or  
14 special election may execute a request for exemption under paragraph (a) of  
15 this subsection and shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing  
16 not later than fifteen (15) days preceding the regular or special election. A  
17 person intending to be a write-in candidate who revokes a request for  
18 exemption in a timely manner shall file all reports required of a candidate  
19 intending to raise or spend in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in an  
20 election. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this  
21 subsection, a person intending to be a write-in candidate who revokes a  
22 request for exemption shall file the appropriate form with the registry.

23 (j) Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, the  
24 campaign committee of any candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a  
25 request for exemption or a political issues committee whose chair has filed a  
26 request for exemption shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in a  
27 timely manner.

1 (k) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this  
2 subsection, any candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues  
3 committee that is exempt from filing campaign finance reports pursuant  
4 to paragraph (a), (d), or (i) of this subsection that accepts contributions  
5 or makes expenditures, or whose campaign treasurer accepts  
6 contributions or makes expenditures, in excess of the applicable limit in  
7 any one (1) election without rescinding the request for exemption in a  
8 timely manner shall comply with all applicable reporting requirements  
9 and, in lieu of other penalties prescribed by law, pay a fine of not less  
10 than five hundred dollars (\$500).

11 2. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this  
12 subsection, a candidate, slate of candidates, campaign committee, or  
13 political issues committee that is exempt from filing campaign finance  
14 reports pursuant to paragraph (a), (d), or (i) of this subsection that  
15 knowingly accepts contributions or makes expenditures in excess of the  
16 applicable spending limit in any one (1) election without rescinding the  
17 request for exemption in a timely manner shall comply with all  
18 applicable reporting requirements and shall be guilty of a Class D  
19 felony.

20 **(l) 1. Any candidate exempt from filing under this subsection for a primary**  
21 **shall file a report described in subsection (4) of this section.**

22 **2. Any candidate exempt from filing under this subsection for a primary**  
23 **who advances to the general election shall file for an additional**  
24 **exemption under this section for the general election or the candidate**  
25 **shall no longer be exempt from the filing requirements.**

26 **3. In the event a candidate exempt from filing under this subsection is no**  
27 **longer eligible for the exemption, he or she shall immediately file for a**

1 revocation of the exemption under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

2 (2) (a) State and county executive committees, and caucus campaign committees  
3 shall make a full report, upon a prescribed form, to the registry, of all money,  
4 loans, or other things of value, received from any source, and expenditures  
5 authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last report, including:

6 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee,  
7 the name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of  
8 the contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major  
9 business, social, or political interest represented by the permanent  
10 committee;

11 2. For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full  
12 name, address, age if less than the legal voting age, the date of the  
13 contribution, the amount of the contribution, and the employer and  
14 occupation of each contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the  
15 name under which he or she is doing business shall be listed;

16 3. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting  
17 period; and

18 4. A complete statement of expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.  
19 The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name and  
20 address of each person to whom an expenditure is made in excess of  
21 twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of each  
22 expenditure.

23 (b) In addition to the reporting requirements in paragraph (a) of this subsection,  
24 the state executive committee of a political party that has established a  
25 building fund account under KRS 121.172 shall make a full report, upon a  
26 prescribed form, to the registry, of all contributions received from any source,  
27 and expenditures authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last

- 1 report for the separate building fund account, including:
- 2 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a corporation, the name  
3 and business address of the corporation, the date of the contribution, the  
4 amount contributed, and a description of the major business conducted  
5 by the corporation;
  - 6 2. For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full  
7 name and address of the contributor, the date of the contribution, the  
8 amount of the contribution, and the employer and occupation of each  
9 contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the name under which he  
10 or she is doing business shall be listed;
  - 11 3. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting  
12 period; and
  - 13 4. A complete statement of expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.  
14 The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name and  
15 address of each person to whom an expenditure is made in excess of  
16 twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of each  
17 expenditure.
- 18 (c) The report required by paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be made on a  
19 semiannual basis and shall be received by the registry by January 31 and by  
20 July 31. The January report shall cover the period from July 1 to December  
21 31. The July report shall cover the period from January 1 to June 30. If an  
22 individual gives a reportable contribution to a caucus campaign committee or  
23 to a state or county executive committee with the intention that the  
24 contribution or a portion of the contribution go to a candidate or slate of  
25 candidates, the name of the contributor and the sum shall be indicated on the  
26 committee report. The report required by paragraph (b) of this subsection  
27 relating to a state executive committee's building fund account shall be

1 received by the registry within two (2) business days after the close of each  
2 calendar quarter. The receipts and expenditures of funds remitted to each  
3 political party under KRS 141.071 to 141.073 shall be separately accounted  
4 for and reported to the registry in the manner required by KRS 121.230. The  
5 separate report may be made a separate section within the report required by  
6 this subsection to be received by the registry by January 31.

7 (3) (a) Except for candidates or slates of candidates, campaign committees, or  
8 political issues committees exempted from reporting requirements pursuant to  
9 subsection (1) of this section, each campaign treasurer of a candidate, slate of  
10 candidates, campaign committee, or political issues committee who accepts  
11 contributions or expends, expects to accept contributions or expend, or  
12 contracts to expend more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in any one (1)  
13 election, and each fundraiser who secures contributions in excess of three  
14 thousand dollars (\$3,000) in any one (1) election, shall make a full report to  
15 the registry, on a form provided or using a format approved by the registry, of  
16 all money, loans, or other things of value, received from any source, and  
17 expenditures authorized, incurred, and made, since the date of the last report,  
18 including:

- 19 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee,  
20 the name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of  
21 the contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major  
22 business, social, or political interest represented by the permanent  
23 committee;
- 24 2. For each contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) made to a  
25 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office, or to  
26 a campaign committee for a candidate or slate of candidates for a  
27 statewide-elected state office, the date, name, address, occupation, and



- 1            employer of each contributor and the spouse of the contributor or, if the  
2            contributor or spouse of the contributor is self-employed, the name  
3            under which he or she is doing business, and the amount contributed by  
4            each contributor;
- 5            3. For each contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) made to  
6            any candidate or campaign committee other than those specified in  
7            subparagraph 2. of this paragraph or a political issues committee, the full  
8            name, address, age if less than the legal voting age, the date of the  
9            contribution, the amount of the contribution, and the employer and  
10            occupation of each other contributor. If the contributor is self-employed,  
11            the name under which he or she is doing business shall be listed;
- 12            4. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting  
13            period; and
- 14            5. A complete statement of all expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.  
15            The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name, address,  
16            and occupation of each person to whom an expenditure is made in  
17            excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of  
18            each expenditure.
- 19            (b) Reports of all candidates, slates of candidates, campaign committees, political  
20            issues committees, and registered fundraisers shall be made as follows:
- 21            1. Candidates as defined in KRS 121.015(8), slates of candidates,  
22            candidate-authorized and unauthorized campaign committees, political  
23            issues committees, and fundraisers which register in the year before the  
24            year an election in which the candidate, a slate of candidates, or public  
25            question shall appear on the ballot, shall file financial reports with the  
26            registry at the end of the first calendar quarter after persons become  
27            candidates or slates of candidates, or following registration of the

- 1 committee or fundraiser, and each calendar quarter thereafter, ending  
2 with the last calendar quarter of that year. Candidates, slates of  
3 candidates, committees, and registered fundraisers shall make all reports  
4 required by this section during the year in which the election takes place;
- 5 2. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and  
6 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and  
7 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the sixtieth day preceding a  
8 regular election, including all previous contributions and expenditures;
- 9 3. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and  
10 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and  
11 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the thirtieth day preceding  
12 an election, including all previous contributions and expenditures;
- 13 4. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and  
14 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and  
15 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the fifteenth day preceding  
16 the date of the election; and
- 17 5. All reports to the registry shall cover campaign activity during the entire  
18 reporting period and must be received by the registry within two (2)  
19 business days after the date the reporting period ends to be deemed  
20 timely filed.
- 21 (4) ~~[Except for candidates, slates of candidates, and political issues committees,~~  
22 ~~exempted pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section,]~~All candidates, regardless of  
23 funds received or expended, candidate-authorized and unauthorized campaign  
24 committees, political issues committees, and registered fundraisers shall make post-  
25 election reports within thirty (30) days after the election. All post-election reports to  
26 the registry shall cover campaign activity during the entire reporting period and  
27 must be received by the registry within two (2) business days after the date the

1 reporting period ends to be deemed timely filed. *For candidates, slates of*  
2 *candidates, and political issues committees otherwise exempt under subsection*  
3 *(1)(a) of this section, the reporting period begins the day the request for*  
4 *exemption is filed with the registry and continues through the thirtieth (30th) day*  
5 *after the election.*

- 6 (5) In making the preceding reports, the total gross receipts from each of the following  
7 categories shall be listed: proceeds from the sale of tickets for events such as  
8 testimonial affairs, dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events, mass  
9 collections made at the events, and sales of items such as campaign pins, buttons,  
10 hats, ties, literature, and similar materials. When any individual purchase or the  
11 aggregate purchases of any item enumerated above from a candidate or slate of  
12 candidates for a statewide-elected state office or a campaign committee for a  
13 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office exceeds one  
14 hundred dollars (\$100), the purchaser shall be identified by name, address, age, if  
15 less than the legal voting age, occupation, and employer and the employer of the  
16 spouse of the purchaser or, if the purchaser or the spouse of the purchaser is self-  
17 employed, the name under which he or she is doing business, and the amount of the  
18 purchase. When any individual purchase or the aggregate purchases of any item  
19 enumerated above from any candidate or campaign committee other than a  
20 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office or campaign  
21 committee for a candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office  
22 exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), the purchaser shall be identified by name,  
23 address, age if less than the legal voting age, occupation, and employer, or if the  
24 purchaser is self-employed, the name under which he or she is doing business, and  
25 the amount of the purchase. The lists shall be maintained by the campaign treasurer,  
26 political issues committee treasurer, registered fundraiser, or other sponsor for  
27 inspection by the registry for six (6) years following the date of the election.

- 1 (6) Each permanent committee, except a federally registered permanent committee,  
2 inaugural committee, or contributing organization shall make a full report to the  
3 registry, on a form provided or using a format approved by the registry, of all  
4 money, loans, or other things of value, received by it from any source, and all  
5 expenditures authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last report,  
6 including:
- 7 (a) For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee, the  
8 name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of the  
9 contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major business,  
10 social, or political interest represented by the permanent committee;
- 11 (b) For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full name,  
12 address, age if under the legal voting age, the date of the contribution, the  
13 amount of the contribution, and the employer and occupation of each  
14 contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the name under which he or  
15 she is doing business shall be listed;
- 16 (c) An aggregate amount of cash contributions, the amount contributed by each  
17 contributor, and the date of each contribution; and
- 18 (d) A complete statement of all expenditures authorized, incurred, or made,  
19 including independent expenditures. This report shall be made by a permanent  
20 committee, inaugural committee, or contributing organization to the registry  
21 on the last day of the first calendar quarter following the registration of the  
22 committee with the registry and on the last day of each succeeding calendar  
23 quarter until such time as the committee terminates. A contributing  
24 organization shall file a report of contributions received and expenditures on a  
25 form provided or using a format approved by the registry not later than the last  
26 day of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or  
27 expenditures are made. All reports to the registry shall be received on or

1 before each filing deadline, and any report received by the registry within two  
2 (2) business days after each filing deadline shall be deemed timely filed.

3 (7) If the final statement of a candidate, campaign committee, or political issues  
4 committee shows an unexpended balance of contributions, continuing debts and  
5 obligations, or an expenditure deficit, the campaign treasurer shall file with the  
6 registry a supplemental statement of contributions and expenditures not more than  
7 thirty (30) days after the deadline for filing the final statement. Subsequent  
8 supplemental statements shall be filed annually, to be received by the registry by  
9 December 1 of each year, until the account shows no unexpended balance,  
10 continuing debts and obligations, expenditures, or deficit, or until the year before  
11 the candidate or a slate of candidates seeks to appear on the ballot for the same  
12 office for which the funds in the campaign account were originally contributed, in  
13 which case the candidate or a slate of candidates shall file the supplemental annual  
14 report by December 1 of that year or at the end of the first calendar quarter of that  
15 year after the candidate or slate of candidates files nomination papers for the next  
16 year's primary or regular election. All post-election reports to the registry shall  
17 cover campaign activity during the entire reporting period and must be received by  
18 the registry within two (2) business days after the date the reporting period ends to  
19 be deemed timely filed. All contributions shall be subject to KRS 121.150 as of the  
20 date of the election in which the candidate appeared on the ballot.

21 (8) All reports filed under the provisions of this chapter shall be a matter of public  
22 record open to inspection by any member of the public immediately upon receipt of  
23 the report by the registry.

24 (9) A candidate or slate of candidates is relieved of the duty personally to file reports  
25 and keep records of receipts and expenditures if the candidate or slate states in  
26 writing or on forms provided by the registry that:

27 (a) Within five (5) business days after personally receiving any contributions, the

1 candidate or slate of candidates shall surrender possession of the contributions  
2 to the treasurer of their principal campaign committee without expending any  
3 of the proceeds thereof. No contributions shall be commingled with the  
4 candidate's or slated candidates' personal funds or accounts. Contributions  
5 received by check, money order, or other written instrument shall be endorsed  
6 directly to the campaign committee and shall not be cashed or redeemed by  
7 the candidate;

8 (b) The candidate or slate of candidates shall not make any unreimbursed  
9 expenditure for the campaign, except that this paragraph does not preclude a  
10 candidate or slate from making an expenditure from personal funds to the  
11 designated principal campaign committee, which shall be reported by the  
12 committee as a contribution received; and

13 (c) The waiver shall continue in effect as long as the candidate or slate of  
14 candidates complies with the conditions under which it was granted.

15 (10) No candidate, slate of candidates, campaign committee, political issues committee,  
16 or contributing organization shall use or permit the use of contributions or funds  
17 solicited or received for the person or in support of or opposition to a public issue  
18 which will appear on the ballot to further the candidacy of the person for a different  
19 public office, to support or oppose a different public issue, or to further the  
20 candidacy of any other person for public office; except that nothing in this  
21 subsection shall be deemed to prohibit a candidate or slate of candidates from using  
22 funds in the campaign account to purchase admission tickets for any fundraising  
23 event or testimonial affair for another candidate or slate of candidates if the amount  
24 of the purchase does not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per event or affair. Any  
25 funds or contributions solicited or received by or on behalf of a candidate, slate of  
26 candidates, or any committee, which has been organized in whole or in part to  
27 further any candidacy for the same person or to support or oppose the same public

1 issue, shall be deemed to have been solicited or received for the current candidacy  
2 or for the election on the public issue if the funds or contributions are solicited or  
3 received at any time prior to the regular election for which the candidate, slate of  
4 candidates, or public issue is on the ballot. Any unexpended balance of funds not  
5 otherwise obligated for the payment of expenses incurred to further a political issue  
6 or the candidacy of a person shall, in whole or in part, at the election of the  
7 candidate or committee, escheat to the State Treasury, be returned pro rata to all  
8 contributors, or, in the case of a partisan candidate, be transferred to a caucus  
9 campaign committee, or to the state or county executive committee of the political  
10 party of which the candidate is a member except that a candidate, committee, or an  
11 official may retain the funds to further the same public issue or to seek election to  
12 the same office or may donate the funds to any charitable, nonprofit, or educational  
13 institution recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue  
14 Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor thereto.

15 (11) If adequate and appropriate agency funds are available to implement this subsection,  
16 electronic reporting shall be made available by the registry to all candidates, slates  
17 of candidates, committees, contributing organizations, registered fundraisers, and  
18 persons making independent expenditures. The electronic report submitted to the  
19 registry shall be the official campaign finance report for audit and other legal  
20 purposes, whether mandated or filed by choice.

21 ~~(12) Filers not required to file reports electronically, as set forth in this section, are~~  
22 ~~strongly encouraged to do so voluntarily.~~

23 ~~(13) The date that an electronic or on-line report shall be deemed to have been filed~~  
24 ~~with the registry shall be the date on which it is received by the registry.~~

25 ~~(13)~~~~(14)~~ All electronic or online filers shall affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the  
26 report filed with the registry is complete and accurate.

27 ~~(14)~~~~(15)~~ Filers who submit electronic campaign finance reports which are not

1 readable~~[, or cannot be copied, or are not accompanied by any requisite paper copy]~~  
2 shall be deemed to not be in compliance with the requirements set forth in this  
3 section.

4 ~~(15)~~~~(16)~~ Beginning with the primary scheduled in calendar year 2020, and for each  
5 subsequent election scheduled thereafter, reports required to be submitted to the  
6 registry involving candidates, slates of candidates, committees, contributing  
7 organizations, and independent expenditures shall be reported electronically.

8 ~~(16)~~~~(17)~~ (a) On each ~~[paper and ]~~electronic form that the registry supplies for the  
9 reports required under subsections (2), (3), and (6) of this section, the registry  
10 shall include an entry reading, "No change since last report."

11 (b) If a person or entity that is required to report under subsection (2), (3), or (6)  
12 of this section has received no money, loans, or other things of value from any  
13 source since the date of its last report and has not authorized, incurred, or  
14 made any expenditures since that date, the person or entity may check or  
15 otherwise designate the entry that reads, "No change since last report." A  
16 person or entity designating this entry in a report shall state the balance carried  
17 forward from the last report but need not specify receipts or expenditures in  
18 further detail.