

Assembly Bill No. 452–Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring the electronic filing of certain campaign contribution and expenditure reports and statements of financial disclosure; amending the deadlines for filing certain campaign contribution and expenditure reports; requiring candidates to report certain contributions and expenditures in the aggregate on campaign contribution and expenditure reports; requiring candidates to report the disposal of certain unspent campaign contributions in the aggregate on campaign contribution and expenditure reports; making various other changes relating to campaign finance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Sections 2-20 of this bill provide that, except under certain circumstances, campaign contribution and expenditure reports related to candidates for state, county, city and district offices must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State. **Sections 4, 7-11 and 16** also revise the deadlines for filing such reports.

Existing law requires a candidate to report on his or her campaign contribution and expenditure report: (1) each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the reporting period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100; (2) each campaign expense incurred, or expenditure made, in excess of \$100 during the reporting period; and (3) any unspent campaign contribution that is disposed of during the reporting period in excess of \$100. (NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.200) **Sections 4, 5 and 9** of this bill require candidates to report, in the aggregate, contributions, expenses, expenditures or amounts of unspent campaign contributions disposed of which are less than \$100.

Existing law requires a candidate, person, committee, political party, group of persons or business entity to sign all campaign contribution and expenditure reports under penalty of perjury. (NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283, 294A.286) **Sections 2-15, 18 and 23** of this bill authorize a person signing such a report the alternative option of signing under an oath to God but provides that a person who signs a report under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if he or she signed the report under penalty of perjury.

Section 18 of this bill requires the Secretary of State to design a form for each campaign contribution and expenditure report rather than requiring the design of a single form for all campaign contribution and expenditure reports in order to accommodate the new electronic filing requirements.

Sections 23-26 and 28-33 of this bill provide that, except under certain circumstances, appointed and elected public officers must file statements of financial disclosure electronically with the Secretary of State rather than the Commission on Ethics.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 294A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3, of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *A candidate who is required to file a report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373 is not required to file the report electronically if the candidate:*

(a) Did not receive or expend money in excess of \$10,000 after becoming a candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.005; and

(b) Has on file with the Secretary of State an affidavit which satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2 and which states that:

(1) The candidate does not own or have the ability to access the technology necessary to file electronically the report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373; and

(2) The candidate does not have the financial ability to purchase or obtain access to the technology necessary to file electronically the report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373.

2. The affidavit described in subsection 1 must be:

(a) In the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and signed under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. A candidate who signs the affidavit under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the affidavit under penalty of perjury.

(b) Filed not later than 15 days before the candidate is required to file a report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373.

3. A candidate who is not required to file the report electronically may file the report by transmitting the report by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or personal delivery. A report transmitted pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be filed on the date on which it is received by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. 1. *A person, committee, political party, group of persons or business entity that is required to file a report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373 is not required to file the report electronically if the person, committee, political party, group or business entity:*



(a) *Did not receive or expend money in excess of \$10,000 in the previous calendar year; and*

(b) *Has on file with the Secretary of State an affidavit which satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2 and which states that:*

(1) *The person, committee, political party, group or business entity does not own or have the ability to access the technology necessary to file electronically the report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373; and*

(2) *The person, committee, political party, group or business entity does not have the financial ability to purchase or obtain access to the technology necessary to file electronically the report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373.*

2. *The affidavit described in subsection 1 must be:*

(a) *In the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and signed under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. A person who signs the affidavit under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the affidavit under penalty of perjury.*

(b) *Filed:*

(1) *At least 15 days before any report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373 is required to be filed by the person, committee, political party, group or business entity.*

(2) *Not earlier than January 1 and not later than January 15 of each year, regardless of whether or not the person, committee, political party, group or business entity was required to file any report described in subsection 1 of NRS 294A.373 in the previous year.*

3. *A person, committee, political party, group of persons or business entity that has properly filed the affidavit pursuant to this section may file the relevant report with the Secretary of State by transmitting the report by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or personal delivery. A report transmitted pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be filed on the date on which it is received by the Secretary of State.*

Sec. 4. NRS 294A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.120 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report ~~each~~ :

(a) *Each* campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period ~~and contributions~~ ;



(b) Contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100 ~~[]~~; *and*

(c) The total of all contributions received during the period which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (b).

↳ The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office.

2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) ~~[Seven]~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through ~~[+2]~~ *25* days before the primary election;

(b) ~~[Seven]~~ *Four* days before the ~~[general]~~ *primary* election for that office, for the period from ~~[+1]~~ *24* days before the primary election through ~~[+2]~~ *5* days before the ~~[general election; and~~

~~—(c) July 15 of the year of]~~ *primary election;*

(c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office, for the period from ~~[+1]~~ *4* days before the ~~[general]~~ *primary* election through ~~[June 30 of that year;]~~ *25 days before the general election; and*

(d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election,

↳ report each campaign contribution ~~[in excess of \$100]~~ *described in subsection 1* received during the period . ~~[and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100.]~~ The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) ~~[Seven]~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the



primary election through ~~[12]~~ 25 days before the primary election; ~~[and]~~

(b) ~~[Seven]~~ Four days before the ~~[general]~~ primary election for that office, for the period from ~~[11]~~ 24 days before the primary election through ~~[12]~~ 5 days before the ~~[general election,]~~ primary election;

(c) *Twenty-one days before the general election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25 days before the general election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election,*

↳ report each campaign contribution ~~[in excess of \$100]~~ described in subsection 1 received during the period . ~~[and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100.]~~ The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ made available by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

↳ report each campaign contribution ~~[in excess of \$100]~~ described in subsection 1 received during the period . ~~[and contributions received during the reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100.]~~ The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ made available by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall list each of the campaign contributions received on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ made available by the



Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) A district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

↳ *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. ~~[Reports]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, reports* of campaign contributions must be filed *electronically* with the ~~[officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~ *Secretary of State.*

7. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the officer:~~
—(a) ~~On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail;~~
~~or~~

—(b) ~~On~~ *on* the date that it was received by the ~~[officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

—7. ~~Every county clerk who receives from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the]~~ Secretary of State . ~~[within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

8. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

Sec. 5. NRS 294A.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.125 1. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 and 294A.360, a candidate who receives contributions in any year before the year in which the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held shall, for:

(a) The year in which the candidate receives contributions in excess of \$10,000, list ~~[each]~~ :



(1) *Each* of the contributions received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year ~~[]~~; and

(2) *The total of all contributions received and expenditures which are \$100 or less.*

(b) Each year after the year in which the candidate received contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year of the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held, list ~~[each]~~ :

(1) *Each* of the contributions received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year ~~[]~~; and

(2) *The total of all contributions received and expenditures which are \$100 or less.*

2. The reports required by subsection 1 must be submitted on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the list for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions that a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount.

4. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the* report must be filed ~~[]~~:

~~—(a) With the officer with whom the candidate will file the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy for the public office the candidate intends to seek. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~ *electronically with the Secretary of State.*

5. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the officer:~~

~~—(1) On the date it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail.~~

~~—(2) On] on~~ the date it was received by the ~~[officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~—(b) On or before January 15 of the year immediately after the year for which the report is made.~~

~~—5. A county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report of contributions and expenditures pursuant to subsection 4 shall file a copy of the report~~



~~with the~~ Secretary of State . ~~[within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

Sec. 6. NRS 294A.128 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.128 1. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 and 294A.360, a candidate who receives a loan which is guaranteed by a third party, forgiveness of a loan previously made to the candidate or a written commitment for a contribution shall, for the period covered by the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360, report:

(a) If a loan received by the candidate was guaranteed by a third party, the amount of the loan and the name and address of each person who guaranteed the loan;

(b) If a loan received by the candidate was forgiven by the person who made the loan, the amount that was forgiven and the name and address of the person who forgave the loan; and

(c) If the candidate received a written commitment for a contribution, the amount committed to be contributed and the name and address of the person who made the written commitment.

2. The reports required by subsection 1 must be submitted on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the* reports required by subsection 1 must be filed in the same manner and at the same time as the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360.

~~[4. A county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report pursuant to subsection 1 shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

Sec. 7. NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.140 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action,



political party, committee sponsored by a political party and business entity which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

2. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~2~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~2~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election; ~~and~~

~~(c) July 15 of the year of~~

~~(c) *Twenty-one days before* the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *4* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election through ~~June 30 of that year,~~ *25 days before the general election or general city election; and*~~

~~(d) *Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,*~~

↳ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from



a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the current reporting period.

4. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~2~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~2~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election ~~;~~;

(c) *Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,*

→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by



the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

↳ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall report each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or



(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

↳ A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.

7. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act,* the reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed *electronically* with ~~[-~~

~~—(a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;~~

~~—(b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or~~

~~—(c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city,]~~ the Secretary of State.

8. ~~[A person or entity may file the report with the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~ A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the officer:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the ~~[officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.~~

~~—10.] Secretary of State.~~

9. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee, political party or business entity receives no contributions.

Sec. 8. NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than January 15 of each year



that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, group of persons or business entity, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during that period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.* The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, group of persons or business entity:

(a) Each year in which:

(1) An election or city election is held for each question for which the person, group of persons or business entity advocates passage or defeat; or

(2) A person, group of persons or business entity receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election; and

(b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A



person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election; ~~and~~

~~—(c) July 15 of the year of~~

(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election, for the period from ~~11~~ *4* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election through ~~June 30 of that year,~~ *25 days before the general election or general city election; and*

(d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,

→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

4. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an



amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election ~~;~~;

(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and

(d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,

↳ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or



group of questions on the ballot at a special election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date that the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

↳ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall report each of the contributions received on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

↳ *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*



7. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, the* reports required pursuant to this section must be filed *electronically* with ~~[-~~

~~—(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;~~

~~—(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or~~

~~—(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city,] the Secretary of State.~~

8. ~~[A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~ A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the officer:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the ~~[officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.]~~ *Secretary of State.*

9. If the person or group of persons, including a business entity, is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition.

~~[10. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

Sec. 9. NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.200 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report ~~[each] :~~

(a) Each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred ~~[and each] during the period;~~

(b) Each amount in excess of \$100 disposed of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 *during the period;*

(c) The total of all campaign expenses incurred during the period which are \$100 or less; and

(d) The total of all amounts disposed of during the period pursuant to NRS 294A.160 which are \$100 or less,

↪ on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury.

A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to



the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.

2. The provisions of ~~[this]~~ subsection 1 apply to the candidate:

(a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office; and

(b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.

~~[2-]~~ 3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) ~~[Seven]~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through ~~[12]~~ 25 days before the primary election;

(b) ~~[Seven]~~ *Four* days before the ~~[general]~~ *primary* election for that office, for the period from ~~[11]~~ 24 days before the primary election through ~~[12]~~ 5 days before the ~~[general]~~ *primary* election; ~~[and]~~

(c) ~~[July 15 of the year of]~~ *Twenty-one days before* the general election for that office, for the period from ~~[11]~~ 4 days before the ~~[general]~~ *primary* election through ~~[June 30 of that year,]~~ *25 days before the general election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election,*

↪ report each of the campaign expenses ~~[in excess of \$100]~~ *described in subsection 1* incurred during the period on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury.

~~[3-]~~ *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

4. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) ~~[Seven]~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the



primary election through ~~12~~ 25 days before the primary election;
~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ Four days before the ~~general~~ primary election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ 24 days before the primary election through ~~12~~ 5 days before the ~~general~~ primary election ~~1~~;

(c) *Twenty-one days before the general election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25 days before the general election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election,*

↪ report each of the campaign expenses ~~in excess of \$100~~ described in subsection 1 incurred during the period on the form designed and ~~provided~~ made available by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury.

~~4.~~ *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~5.~~ 6, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

↪ report each of the campaign expenses ~~in excess of \$100~~ described in subsection 1 incurred during the period on the form designed and ~~provided~~ made available by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury.

~~5.~~ *A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall report each of the campaign expenses ~~in excess of \$100~~ described in subsection 1 incurred on the form designed and ~~provided~~ made available by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury, 30 days after:



(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

~~[6.]~~

↳ A candidate who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate had signed the form under penalty of perjury.

~~7. [Reports] Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, reports of campaign expenses must be filed electronically with the [officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.] Secretary of State.~~

~~8. A report shall be deemed to be filed [with the officer:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on the date that it was received by the [officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~7. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the] Secretary of State . [within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

Sec. 10. NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.210 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for an office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party, committee sponsored by a political party or business entity which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity, for the period from January 1 of



the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.* The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

2. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election; ~~and~~

(c) ~~July 15 of the year of~~ *Twenty-one days before* the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *4* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election through ~~the June 30 of that year,~~ *25 days before the general election or general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,*

↳ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of



candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election ~~;~~;

(c) *Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,*

→ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*



4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

↳ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall list each expenditure made on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

↳ *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*



6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.

7. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, the* reports must be filed *electronically* with ~~[-~~

~~—(a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;~~

~~—(b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or~~

~~—(c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city.]~~ the Secretary of State.

8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate. ~~[A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~

9. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the officer:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the ~~[officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~—9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the] Secretary of State . [within 10 working days after receiving the report.~~

~~—10.]~~ Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee, political party or business entity receives no contributions.

Sec. 11. NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.220 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of



questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ **made available** by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under **an oath to God** or penalty of perjury. **A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.** The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, group of persons or business entity:

(a) Each year in which:

(1) An election or city election is held for a question for which the person, group of persons or business entity advocates passage or defeat; or

(2) A person, group of persons or business entity receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election; and

(b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ **Twenty-one** days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately



preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ 25 days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election, for the period from ~~11~~ 24 days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ 5 days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election; ~~and~~

~~—(c) July 15 of the year of~~

(c) *Twenty-one days before* the general election or general city election, for the period from ~~11~~ 4 days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election through ~~the June 30 immediately preceding that July 15,~~ 25 days before the *general election or general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,*

↳ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends



money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary election or primary city election; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary election or primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* election or ~~general~~ *primary* city election ~~1~~;

(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and

(d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election,

→ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

→ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form



designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall list each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

↳ *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.

7. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act,* reports required pursuant to this section must be filed *electronically* with ~~the~~:

~~—(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;~~

~~—(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or~~

~~—(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city;]~~ the Secretary of State.



8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition. ~~[A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate filing officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~

9. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the filing officer: (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the ~~[filing officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State . [within 10 working days after receiving the report.]~~

Sec. 12. NRS 294A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election to recall a public officer, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,

↪ report each contribution received or made by the committee in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~[provided]~~ **made available** by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee under ***an oath to God or*** penalty of perjury. ***A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.***

2. If a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer is not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, report each contribution received by the committee, and each contribution made by the committee in excess of \$100.

3. If a court does not order a special election for the recall of the public officer, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the court determines that an election will not be held, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each contribution



received by the committee, and each contribution made by the committee in excess of \$100.

4. ~~{Each}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, each* report of contributions must be filed *electronically* with the Secretary of State. ~~{The committee may mail or transmit the report by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.}~~

5. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~{with the Secretary of State:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On} on~~ the date that it was received by the Secretary of State . ~~{if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~—5.}~~ 6. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution, whether from or to a natural person, association or corporation, in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor or the committee has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

Sec. 13. NRS 294A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.280 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election to recall a public officer, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,

↪ report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100 on the form designed and ~~{provided}~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

2. If a petition for the purpose of recalling a public officer is not filed before the expiration of the notice of intent, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100.



3. If a court does not order a special election for the recall of the public officer, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the court determines that an election will not be held, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100.

4. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, each* report of expenditures must be filed *electronically* with the Secretary of State. ~~[The committee may mail or transmit the report to the Secretary of State by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means.]~~

5. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the Secretary of State:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the Secretary of State. ~~[if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.]~~

Sec. 14. NRS 294A.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.283 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum, including, without limitation, the initiation or circulation thereof, and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 for such advocacy shall, not later than the dates listed in subsection 2, report:

(a) Each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during each period described in subsection 2;

(b) Contributions received during each period described in subsection 2 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000;

(c) Each expenditure in excess of \$1,000 the person, group of persons or business entity makes during each period described in subsection 2; and

(d) The total amount of money the person, group of persons or business entity has at the beginning of each period described in subsection 2, accounting for all contributions received and expenditures made during each previous period.

2. Every person, group of persons or business entity required to report pursuant to subsection 1 shall file that report with the Secretary of State:

(a) For the period beginning on the first day a copy of the petition may be filed with the Secretary of State before it is



circulated for signatures pursuant to Section 1 or Section 2 of Article 19 of the Nevada Constitution, as applicable, and ending on the following March 31, not later than April 15;

(b) For the period beginning on April 1 and ending on July 31, not later than August 15;

(c) For the period beginning on August 1 and ending on September 30, not later than October 15; and

(d) For the period beginning on October 1 and ending on December 31, not later than the following January 15.

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on each report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the applicable reporting period.

4. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in each report.

5. Each report required pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373; and

(b) Be signed by the person or a representative of the group of persons or business entity under *an oath to God* or penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

6. ~~[A]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, a* person, group of persons or business entity ~~[may mail or transmit]~~ *shall file* each report ~~[to]~~ *electronically with* the Secretary of State. ~~[by certified mail, regular mail, facsimile machine or electronic means or may deliver the report personally.]~~

7. A report shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the Secretary of State:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on~~ the date that it was received by the Secretary of State. ~~[if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.]~~

Sec. 15. NRS 294A.286 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.286 1. A person who administers a legal defense fund shall:



(a) Within 5 days after the creation of the legal defense fund, notify the Secretary of State of the creation of the fund on a form provided by the Secretary of State; and

(b) For the same period covered by the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360, report any contribution received by or expenditure made from the legal defense fund.

2. The reports required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be submitted on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the administrator of the legal defense fund under *an oath to God or* penalty of perjury. *A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.*

3. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the* reports required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be filed in the same manner and at the same time as the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360.

Sec. 16. NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.360 1. ~~Every~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, every* candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate:

(a) Beginning the year of the general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general city election for that office; and

(b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.

2. ~~Every~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, every* candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary city election;



(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* city election; ~~and~~

~~—(c) July 15 of the year of~~

(c) *Twenty-one days before* the general city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *4* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* city election through ~~the June 30 of that year.~~ *25 days before the general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general city election through 5 days before the general city election.*

3. ~~Every~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, every* candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:

(a) ~~Seven~~ *Twenty-one* days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through ~~12~~ *25* days before the primary city election; ~~and~~

(b) ~~Seven~~ *Four* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* city election for that office, for the period from ~~11~~ *24* days before the primary city election through ~~12~~ *5* days before the ~~general~~ *primary* city election ~~1~~;

(c) *Twenty-one days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary city election through 25 days before the general city election; and*

(d) *Four days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general city election through 5 days before the general city election.*

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office at a special election shall so file those reports:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election.



5. Every candidate for city office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall so file those reports 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

Sec. 17. NRS 294A.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.362 1. In addition to reporting information pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.200 and 294A.360, each candidate who is required to file a report of campaign contributions and expenses pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.200 or 294A.360 shall report on the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid. The candidate shall list on the form ~~each~~ :

(a) *Each* such campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the reporting period ~~[-each]~~ ;

(b) *Each* such campaign contribution from a contributor received during the reporting period which cumulatively exceeds \$100 ~~[-and each]~~ ;

(c) *Each* such expense in excess of \$100 incurred during the reporting period ~~[]~~ ;

(d) *The total of all such campaign contributions received during the reporting period which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (b); and*

(e) *The total of all such expenses incurred during the reporting period which are \$100 or less.*

2. The Secretary of State and each city clerk shall not require a candidate to list the campaign contributions and expenses described in this section on any form other than the form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373.

3. *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the report required by subsection 1 must be filed in the same manner and at the same time as the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.200 or 294A.360.*



Sec. 18. NRS 294A.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.373 1. The Secretary of State shall design ~~fa single form~~ **forms** to be used for all reports of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures that are required to be filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283, 294A.360 and 294A.362 and reports of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund that are required to be filed pursuant to NRS 294A.286.

2. The ~~form~~ **forms** designed by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section must only request information specifically required by statute.

3. ~~Upon request, the~~ **The** Secretary of State shall ~~provide~~ **make available to each candidate, person, committee, political party, group of persons or business entity that is required to file a report described in subsection 1:**

(a) **If the candidate, person, committee, political party, group or business entity has submitted an affidavit to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 2 or 3 of this act, as applicable, a copy of the form ~~designed pursuant to this section to each person, committee, political party, group and business entity that is required to file a report described in subsection 1.~~ ; or**

(b) **If the candidate, person, committee, political party, group or business entity is required to submit the report electronically to the Secretary of State, access through a secure website to the form.**

4. **If the candidate, person, committee, political party, group of persons or business entity is required to submit electronically a report described in subsection 1, the form must be signed electronically under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. A person who signs the form under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the person had signed the form under penalty of perjury.**

5. The Secretary of State must obtain the advice and consent of the Legislative Commission before ~~providing~~ **making** a copy of , **or access to**, a form designed or revised by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section **available** to a **candidate**, person, committee, political party, group **of persons** or business entity . ~~that is required to use the form.~~

Sec. 18.5. NRS 294A.382 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.382 The Secretary of State shall not request or require a candidate, person, group of persons, committee, political party or business entity to list each of the expenditures or campaign expenses



of \$100 or less on a form designed and ~~provided~~ *made available* pursuant to NRS 294A.373.

Sec. 19. NRS 294A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.390 The officer from whom a candidate or entity requests a form for:

1. A declaration of candidacy;
2. An acceptance of candidacy;
3. The registration of a committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.230, a committee for the recall of a public officer pursuant to NRS 294A.250 or a business entity that wishes to engage in certain political activity pursuant to NRS 294A.227; *or*

4. The reporting of the creation of a legal defense fund pursuant to NRS 294A.286, ~~;~~ *or*

~~5. The reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283 or 294A.360 and the reporting of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund pursuant to NRS 294A.286.]~~

↳ shall furnish the candidate *or entity* with the necessary forms for reporting and copies of the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter. An explanation of the applicable provisions of NRS 294A.100, 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283 or 294A.360 relating to the making, accepting or reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.100 or 294A.420, and an explanation of NRS 294A.286 and 294A.287 relating to the accepting or reporting of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.287 and 294A.420, must be developed by the Secretary of State and provided upon request. The candidate or entity shall acknowledge receipt of the material.

Sec. 20. NRS 294A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.400 The Secretary of State shall, within 30 days after receipt of the reports required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283, ~~and~~ 294A.286, *294A.360 and 294A.362*, prepare and make available for public inspection a compilation of:

1. The total campaign contributions, the contributions which are in excess of \$100 and the total campaign expenses of each of the



candidates from whom reports of those contributions and expenses are required.

2. The total amount of loans to a candidate guaranteed by a third party, the total amount of loans made to a candidate that have been forgiven and the total amount of written commitments for contributions received by a candidate.

3. The contributions made to a committee for the recall of a public officer in excess of \$100.

4. The expenditures exceeding \$100 made by a:

(a) Person on behalf of a candidate other than the person.

(b) Group of persons or business entity advocating the election or defeat of a candidate.

(c) Committee for the recall of a public officer.

5. The contributions in excess of \$100 made to:

(a) A person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate or group of candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of the candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group.

(b) A committee for political action, political party, committee sponsored by a political party or business entity which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate or group of candidates.

6. The contributions in excess of \$1,000 made to and the expenditures exceeding \$1,000 made by a:

(a) Person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 for such advocacy, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b).

(b) Person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum, including, without limitation, the initiation or circulation thereof, and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 for such advocacy.

7. The total contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund.

Sec. 21. Chapter 281A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 22 and 23 of this act.

Sec. 22. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 23. *1. A candidate or public officer who is required to file a statement of financial disclosure with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 281A.600 or 281A.610 is not required to file the*



statement electronically if the candidate or public officer has on file with the Secretary of State an affidavit which satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2 and which states that:

(a) The candidate or public officer does not own or have the ability to access the technology necessary to file electronically the statement of financial disclosure; and

(b) The candidate or public officer does not have the financial ability to purchase or obtain access to the technology necessary to file electronically the statement of financial disclosure.

2. The affidavit described in subsection 1 must be:

(a) In the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and signed under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. A candidate or public officer who signs the affidavit under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as if the candidate or public officer had signed the affidavit under penalty of perjury.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, filed not less than 15 days before the statement of financial disclosure is required to be filed.

3. A candidate or public officer who is not required to file the statement of financial disclosure electronically may file the statement of financial disclosure by transmitting the statement by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or personal delivery. A statement of financial disclosure transmitted pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State.

4. A person who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected or appointed public officer must file the affidavit described in subsection 1 not later than 15 days after his or her appointment to be exempted from the requirement of filing a report electronically.

Sec. 24. NRS 281A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.240 1. In addition to any other duties imposed upon the Executive Director, the Executive Director shall:

(a) Maintain complete and accurate records of all transactions and proceedings of the Commission.

(b) Receive requests for opinions pursuant to NRS 281A.440.

(c) Gather information and conduct investigations regarding requests for opinions received by the Commission and submit recommendations to the investigatory panel appointed pursuant to NRS 281A.220 regarding whether there is just and sufficient cause to render an opinion in response to a particular request.

(d) Recommend to the Commission any regulations or legislation that the Executive Director considers desirable or



necessary to improve the operation of the Commission and maintain high standards of ethical conduct in government.

(e) Upon the request of any public officer or the employer of a public employee, conduct training on the requirements of this chapter, the rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and previous opinions of the Commission. In any such training, the Executive Director shall emphasize that the Executive Director is not a member of the Commission and that only the Commission may issue opinions concerning the application of the statutory ethical standards to any given set of facts and circumstances. The Commission may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs of training provided by the Executive Director pursuant to this subsection.

(f) Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with law, as may be required by the Commission.

2. The Executive Director shall, within the limits of legislative appropriation, employ such persons as are necessary to carry out any of the Executive Director's duties relating to:

(a) The administration of the affairs of the Commission; *and*

(b) ~~The review of statements of financial disclosure; and~~

~~(c)~~ The investigation of matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Sec. 25. NRS 281A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.290 The Commission shall:

1. Adopt procedural regulations:

(a) To facilitate the receipt of inquiries by the Commission;

(b) For the filing of a request for an opinion with the Commission;

(c) For the withdrawal of a request for an opinion by the person who filed the request; and

(d) To facilitate the prompt rendition of opinions by the Commission.

2. Prescribe, by regulation, ~~forms for the submission of statements of financial disclosure and procedures for the submission of statements of financial disclosure filed pursuant to NRS 281A.600 and~~ forms and procedures for the submission of statements of acknowledgment filed by public officers pursuant to NRS 281A.500, maintain files of such statements and make the statements available for public inspection.

3. Cause the making of such investigations as are reasonable and necessary for the rendition of its opinions pursuant to this chapter.



4. ~~Except as otherwise provided in NRS 281A.600, inform~~ *Inform* the Attorney General or district attorney of all cases of noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter ~~and~~, *other than cases of noncompliance with NRS 281A.600, 281A.610 and 281A.620.*

5. Recommend to the Legislature such further legislation as the Commission considers desirable or necessary to promote and maintain high standards of ethical conduct in government.

6. Publish a manual for the use of public officers and employees that contains:

(a) Hypothetical opinions which are abstracted from opinions rendered pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 281A.440, for the future guidance of all persons concerned with ethical standards in government;

(b) Abstracts of selected opinions rendered pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 281A.440; and

(c) An abstract of the requirements of this chapter.

➔ The Legislative Counsel shall prepare annotations to this chapter for inclusion in the Nevada Revised Statutes based on the abstracts and published opinions of the Commission.

Sec. 26. NRS 281A.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.470 1. Any department, board, commission or other agency of the State or the governing body of a county or an incorporated city may establish a specialized or local ethics committee to complement the functions of the Commission. A specialized or local ethics committee may:

(a) Establish a code of ethical standards suitable for the particular ethical problems encountered in its sphere of activity. The standards may not be less restrictive than the statutory ethical standards.

(b) Render an opinion upon the request of any public officer or employee of its own organization or level seeking an interpretation of its ethical standards on questions directly related to the propriety of the public officer's or employee's own future official conduct or refer the request to the Commission. Any public officer or employee subject to the jurisdiction of the committee shall direct the public officer's or employee's inquiry to that committee instead of the Commission.

(c) Require the filing of statements of financial disclosure by public officers on forms prescribed by the committee or the city clerk if the form has been:

(1) Submitted, at least 60 days before its anticipated distribution, to the ~~Commission~~ *Secretary of State* for review; and



(2) Upon review, approved by the ~~[Commission.]~~ *Secretary of State.*

2. A specialized or local ethics committee shall not attempt to interpret or render an opinion regarding the statutory ethical standards.

3. Each request for an opinion submitted to a specialized or local ethics committee, each hearing held to obtain information on which to base an opinion, all deliberations relating to an opinion, each opinion rendered by a committee and any motion relating to the opinion are confidential unless:

(a) The public officer or employee acts in contravention of the opinion; or

(b) The requester discloses the content of the opinion.

Sec. 27. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 28. NRS 281A.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.600 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 2,]~~ *subsections 2 and 3 and section 23 of this act*, if a public officer who was appointed to the office for which the public officer is serving is entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving in that office, the public officer shall file *electronically* with the ~~[Commission]~~ *Secretary of State* a statement of financial disclosure, as follows:

(a) A public officer appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected or appointed public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure within 30 days after the public officer's appointment.

(b) Each public officer appointed to fill an office shall file a statement of financial disclosure on or before January 15 of each year of the term, including the year the term expires.

↳ The statement must disclose the required information for the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing.

2. If a person is serving in a public office for which the person is required to file a statement pursuant to subsection 1, the person may use the statement the person files for that initial office to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for every other public office to which the person is appointed and in which the person is also serving.

3. A judicial officer who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of a predecessor or to fill a newly created judgeship shall file a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to the requirements of Canon 4I of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct. Such a statement of financial disclosure must include, without limitation, all information required to be included in a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to NRS 281A.620.



4. ~~[The Commission shall provide written notification to the Secretary of State of the public officers who failed to file the statements of financial disclosure required by subsection 1 or who failed to file those statements in a timely manner. The notice must be sent within 30 days after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 and must include:~~

~~—(a) The name of each public officer who failed to file a statement of financial disclosure within the period before the notice is sent;~~

~~—(b) The name of each public officer who filed a statement of financial disclosure after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before the notice is sent;~~

~~—(c) For the first notice sent after the public officer filed a statement of financial disclosure, the name of each public officer who filed a statement of financial disclosure after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before the notice is sent; and~~

~~—(d) For each public officer listed in paragraph (c), the date on which the statement of financial disclosure was due and the date on which the public officer filed the statement.~~

~~5. In addition to the notice provided pursuant to subsection 4, the Commission shall notify the Secretary of State of each public officer who files a statement of financial disclosure more than 30 days after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1. The notice must include the information described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection 4.~~

~~6.] A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be filed [with the Commission:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on the date that it was received by the [Commission if the statement was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.] Secretary of State.~~

5. Except as otherwise provided in section 23 of this act, the Secretary of State shall provide access through a secure website to the statement of financial disclosure to each person who is required to file the statement with the Secretary of State pursuant to this section.

6. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.



Sec. 29. NRS 281A.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.610 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2,~~ *subsections 2 and 3 and section 23 of this act*, each candidate for public office who will be entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving in the office that the candidate is seeking and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each public officer who was elected to the office for which the public officer is serving shall file *electronically* with the Secretary of State a statement of financial disclosure, as follows:

(a) A candidate for nomination, election or reelection to public office shall file a statement of financial disclosure no later than the 10th day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office. The statement must disclose the required information for the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing and for the period between January 1 of the year in which the election for the office will be held and the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office. The filing of a statement of financial disclosure for a portion of a calendar year pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve the candidate of the requirement of filing a statement of financial disclosure for the full calendar year pursuant to paragraph (b) in the immediately succeeding year, if the candidate is elected to the office.

(b) Each public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure on or before January 15 of each year of the term, including the year the term expires. The statement must disclose the required information for the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a candidate for public office is serving in a public office for which the candidate is required to file a statement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 or subsection 1 of NRS 281A.600, the candidate need not file the statement required by subsection 1 for the full calendar year for which the candidate previously filed a statement. The provisions of this subsection do not relieve the candidate of the requirement pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 to file a statement of financial disclosure for the period between January 1 of the year in which the election for the office will be held and the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office.

3. A person elected pursuant to NRS 548.285 to the office of supervisor of a conservation district is not required to file a statement of financial disclosure relative to that office pursuant to subsection 1.



4. A candidate for judicial office or a judicial officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to the requirements of Canon 4I of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct. Such a statement of financial disclosure must include, without limitation, all information required to be included in a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to NRS 281A.620.

5. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be filed ~~[with the Secretary of State:~~

~~—(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~—(b) On] on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State . [if the statement was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~—6. The statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section must be filed on the form prescribed by the Commission pursuant to NRS 281A.290.~~

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6. Except as otherwise provided in section 23 of this act, the Secretary of State shall ~~[prescribe, by regulation, procedures for the submission of statements of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section, maintain files of such statements and make the statements available for public inspection.] provide access through a secure website to the statement of financial disclosure to each person who is required to file the statement with the Secretary of State pursuant to this section.~~

7. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 30. NRS 281A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.620 1. Statements of financial disclosure, as approved pursuant to NRS 281A.470 or in such *electronic* form as the ~~[Commission]~~ *Secretary of State* otherwise prescribes, must contain the following information concerning the candidate for public office or public officer:

(a) The candidate's or public officer's length of residence in the State of Nevada and the district in which the candidate for public office or public officer is registered to vote.

(b) Each source of the candidate's or public officer's income, or that of any member of the candidate's or public officer's household who is 18 years of age or older. No listing of individual clients, customers or patients is required, but if that is the case, a general source such as "professional services" must be disclosed.

(c) A list of the specific location and particular use of real estate, other than a personal residence:



(1) In which the candidate for public office or public officer or a member of the candidate's or public officer's household has a legal or beneficial interest;

(2) Whose fair market value is \$2,500 or more; and

(3) That is located in this State or an adjacent state.

(d) The name of each creditor to whom the candidate for public office or public officer or a member of the candidate's or public officer's household owes \$5,000 or more, except for:

(1) A debt secured by a mortgage or deed of trust of real property which is not required to be listed pursuant to paragraph (c); and

(2) A debt for which a security interest in a motor vehicle for personal use was retained by the seller.

(e) If the candidate for public office or public officer has received gifts in excess of an aggregate value of \$200 from a donor during the preceding taxable year, a list of all such gifts, including the identity of the donor and value of each gift, except:

(1) A gift received from a person who is related to the candidate for public office or public officer within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity.

(2) Ceremonial gifts received for a birthday, wedding, anniversary, holiday or other ceremonial occasion if the donor does not have a substantial interest in the legislative, administrative or political action of the candidate for public office or public officer.

(f) A list of each business entity with which the candidate for public office or public officer or a member of the candidate's or public officer's household is involved as a trustee, beneficiary of a trust, director, officer, owner in whole or in part, limited or general partner, or holder of a class of stock or security representing 1 percent or more of the total outstanding stock or securities issued by the business entity.

(g) A list of all public offices presently held by the candidate for public office or public officer for which this statement of financial disclosure is required.

2. ~~The [Commission shall distribute or cause to be distributed the forms required for such a statement to each candidate for public office and public officer who is required to file one. The Commission is not responsible for the costs of producing or distributing a form for filing statements of financial disclosure which is prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 281A.470.]~~ *Secretary of State may adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*



3. As used in this section, “member of the candidate’s or public officer’s household” includes:

(a) The spouse of the candidate for public office or public officer;

(b) A person who does not live in the same home or dwelling, but who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the candidate for public office or public officer; and

(c) A person who lived in the home or dwelling of the candidate for public office or public officer for 6 months or more in the year immediately preceding the year in which the candidate for public office or public officer files the statement of financial disclosure.

Sec. 31. NRS 281A.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.630 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, statements of financial disclosure required by the provisions of NRS 281A.600, 281A.610 and 281A.620 must be retained by the ~~Commission or~~ Secretary of State for 6 years after the date of filing.

2. For public officers who serve more than one term in either the same public office or more than one public office, the period prescribed in subsection 1 begins on the date of the filing of the last statement of financial disclosure for the last public office held.

Sec. 32. NRS 281A.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.640 1. A list of each public officer who is required to file a statement of financial disclosure must be submitted electronically to the ~~Commission and to the~~ Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the ~~Commission,~~ *Secretary of State*, on or before December 1 of each year by:

(a) Each county clerk for all public officers of the county and other local governments within the county other than cities;

(b) Each city clerk for all public officers of the city;

(c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for all public officers of the Legislative Branch; and

(d) The Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration for all public officers of the Executive Branch.

2. ~~The Secretary of State, each county clerk, or the registrar of voters of the county if one was appointed pursuant to NRS 244.164, and each city clerk shall submit electronically to the Commission, and each~~ *Each* county clerk, or the registrar of voters of the county if one was appointed pursuant to NRS 244.164, and each city clerk shall submit electronically to the Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the ~~Commission,~~ *Secretary of State*, a list of each candidate for public office who filed a declaration of candidacy or



acceptance of candidacy with that officer within 10 days after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the applicable office.

Sec. 33. NRS 281A.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.650 The Secretary of State and each county clerk, or the registrar of voters of the county if one was appointed pursuant to NRS 244.164, or city clerk who receives from a candidate for public office a declaration of candidacy, acceptance of candidacy or certificate of candidacy shall give to the candidate :

1. If the candidate is a candidate for judicial office, the form prescribed by the ~~[Commission]~~ Administrative Office of the Courts for the making of a statement of financial disclosure ~~[]~~;

2. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office and is required to file electronically the statement of financial disclosure, access to the electronic form prescribed by the Secretary of State; or

3. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office, is required to submit the statement of financial disclosure electronically and has submitted an affidavit to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 23 of this act, the form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

↳ accompanied by instructions on how to complete the form ~~[where it must be filed]~~ and the time by which it must be filed.

Sec. 34. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

