ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 529–COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures. (BDR 24-558)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State to design and provide a single form for reporting campaign contributions and expenditures; revising the dates for filing reports for campaign contributions and expenditures; revising the reporting periods included in those reports; requiring certain candidates for public office and public officers to file statements of financial disclosure with the Secretary of State instead of the Commission on Ethics; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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. The Secretary of State may audit any document required to be filed pursuant to this chapter, NRS 281.561 or section 21 of this act to determine if the document includes incomplete or untrue information.

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2. If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a document required to be filed pursuant to this chapter, NRS



281.561 or section 21 of this act includes incomplete or untrue information, the Secretary of State may conduct an investigation to determine whether the document includes incomplete or untrue information.

- 3. For the purposes of an investigation conducted pursuant to this section, the Secretary of State may take evidence and require the production, by subpoena or otherwise, of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements or other documents or records which the Secretary of State determines to be relevant or material to the investigation.
- 4. After examining the evidence obtained pursuant to this section, if the Secretary of State determines that a person or entity has violated a provision of this chapter he shall proceed as authorized by NRS 294A.410.
- 5. Any person or entity that provides incomplete or untrue information in a document filed pursuant to this chapter, NRS 281.561 or section 21 of this act, is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and attorney's fees.
- Sec. 3. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of NRS 294A.120, each report of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures that is filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 must be submitted on a form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section.
- 2. The Secretary of State shall design the form for each candidate, person, committee, political party and group that is required to use the form to file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360. The Secretary of State shall design the format of the form so that a candidate, person, committee, political party or group that uses the form may record in the form a list of each campaign contribution as the contribution is received, each amount in excess of \$100 that is disposed of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 as the amount is disposed of and each expense or expenditure in excess of \$100 as it is incurred or made.
- 3. Upon request, the Secretary of State shall provide a copy of the form set forth in this section to each candidate, person, committee, political party and group that is required to file a report of its campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360.



4. The Secretary of State shall reject a report of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures that is filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 that is incomplete. If the Secretary of State determines that a statement of financial disclosure is incomplete he shall notify the candidate, person, committee, political party or group that filed the statement. A statement of financial disclosure must not be considered to be filed with the Secretary of State if it is incomplete.

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 that the provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each of the campaign contributions he received during the period. 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 is a candidate is held on or after January I and before the July I immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the primary election [,] for that office, for the period from [30 days before the regular session of the Legislature after the last election for that office up to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election;

(b) Seven days before the general election [, whether or not the eandidate won the primary election,] for that office, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary election [up to] through 12 days before the general election; [and]

(c) The 15th day of the second month after the general election, for the remaining period up to 30 days before the next regular session of the Legislature, list1

(c) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through June 30 of that year; and

(d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election for that office, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,

report each of the campaign contributions that he receives during
 the period on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State



pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [...] and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

- [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 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 days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election;
- (b) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election; and
- (c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,
- report each of the campaign contributions he received during the period on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant NRS 294A.362 and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- **4.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection [3,] 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 his nomination [up to] through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period [up to] through the special election, [list] report each of the campaign contributions that he receives during the period on forms designed and provided by the Secretary

of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [...] and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

- [3.] 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 that he receives on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [.] and section 3 of this act, and signed by the candidate under 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 [up to] through the special election; or



(b) A district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall **[up to]** through the date of the district court's decision.

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- [4.] 6. Reports of campaign contributions must be filed with the [officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.] Secretary of State. A candidate may mail the report to [that officer] the Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.
- 5. Every county clerk who receives from candidates for legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to subsection 41 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 7. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of each report of campaign contributions that he receives pursuant to subsection 6 with the [Secretary of State] officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.
- [6.] 8. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the [list] 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 [first] current reporting period.
- [7. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of contributions pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by a candidate to record in the form of a list each campaign contribution as he receives it.]
- 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] 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,] for which he is required to file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or
- **294A.360**, shall, for:

 (a) The year in which he receives contributions in excess of \$10,000, [list] report each of the contributions that he receives and the expenditures in excess of \$100 he made in that year.
- (b) Each year after the year in which he received contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year fof the general election or



general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held, list] for which he is required to file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360, report each of the contributions that he received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 he made in that year.

- 2. The reports required by subsection 1 must be submitted on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [...] and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate 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 forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of contributions and expenditures pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by a candidate to record in the form of a list each campaign contribution as he receives it and each expenditure as it is made.
 - 5. since the beginning of the current reporting period.
 - **4.** 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.] Secretary of State. A candidate may mail the report to [that officer] the Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.] to be filed with the Secretary of State:
- (1) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or
- (2) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- (b) On or before January 15 of the year immediately after the year for which the report is made.
- [6. A county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report of contributions and expenditures pursuant to subsection 5]
- 5. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of [the] each report of campaign contributions that he receives pursuant to subsection 4 with the [Secretary of State] officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.



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Sec. 6. 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 and committee sponsored by a political party 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 or political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each of the contributions that he or it received during the period. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or political party 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 or political party 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 days before [a] the primary election or primary city election [30 days after the last election for that office to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before [a] the general election or general city election [, whether or not the candidate won the primary election or primary city election,] for that office, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary election or primary city election [to] through 12 days before the general election or general city election; [and]
- (c) The 15th day of the second month after the general election or general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after the general election or general city election, list1



(c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through June 30 of that year; and

(d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,

report each of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and shall sign the report] pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

[2.] 3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the [list] 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 [first] current reporting period. [The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of contributions pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by the person, committee for political action, political party or

22 committee sponsored by a political party to record in the form of a
 23 list each contribution as it is received.
 24 3. If the candidate is elected from one county, the reports must

26 elected from one city, the reports must be filed with the city clerk of
 27 that city. For all other candidates, the

4. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection I 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:

be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the candidate is

(a) Seven 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 days before the primary election or primary city election;

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



(c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,

report each of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person, committee or political party 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 of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

- 6. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection I 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 of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act and signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under 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 5 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.
- 7. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed with the Secretary of State. A person or entity



may file the report with the [appropriate officer] Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.

- 4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to subsection 3] to be filed with the Secretary of State:
- (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified nail; or
- (b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 8. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of [the] each report of contributions that he receives pursuant to subsection 7 with the [Secretary of State] officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.
- 9. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he or it receives no contributions.

Sec. 7. NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.150 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at [any election including any recall or special] a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, 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 of the contributions received during that period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:

- (a) Each year in which an election or city election is held for each question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat; 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 who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question 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 who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:

- (a) Seven days before [a] the primary election or primary city election, for the period from [30 days after the last general election to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before [a] *the* general election or general city election, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary election or primary city election [to] *through* 12 days before the general election or general city election; [and]
- (c) The 15th day of the second month after the general election or general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after the general election or general city election, list!
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through June 30 of that year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,
- **report** each of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and] **pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be** signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.
- [2.] 3. The name and address of the [contribution] contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the [list] 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 [first reporting. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of contributions pursuant to this section must be designed to be used to record in the form of a list each contribution as it is received.
- 3. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one county, the reports must be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one city, the reports must be filed with the city clerk of that city. Otherwise, the] current reporting period.



- 4. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or 2 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 4 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of 5 persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or 10 general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or 11 group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates 12 13 the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that 14 includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this 15 subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than: 16
 - (a) Seven 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 days before the primary election or primary city election;

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- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and
- (c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15, report each of the contributions received during the period on the

form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally 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 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 of the contributions received during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.



6. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally 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 shall report each of the contributions received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act and signed by the person or a representative of the group under 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 5 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.
- 7. The reports must be filed with the Secretary of State. If the person or group of persons is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports [must be made to the officer appropriate for each question and] must be itemized by question. A person may make his report to the Secretary of State by certified mail. 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- [4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to subsection 3]
- 8. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of [the report with the Secretary of State] each report of contributions that he receives pursuant to subsection 7 within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.
 - **Sec. 8.** 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 that the provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs and each amount in excess of \$100 that he disposes of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection 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. 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 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 days before the primary election [,] for that office, for the period from [30 days before the regular session of the Legislature after the last election for that office up to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the primary election;
- (b) Seven days before the general election [, whether or not the candidate won the primary election,] for that office, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary election [up to] through 12 days before the general election; [and]
- (c) The 15th day of the second month after the general election, for the remaining period up to 30 days before the next regular session of the Legislature, list1
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through June 30 of that year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election for that office, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he
- incurs during the period on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [.] and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- [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 is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- 41 (a) Seven days before the primary election for that office, for 42 the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary 43 election through 12 days before the primary election;



(b) Seven days before the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 days before the general election; and

(c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15

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report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [3,] 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 his nomination [up to] through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) [Sixty] Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period [up to 30 days after] through the special election,
- [list] report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 [.] and section 3 of this act. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- [3.] 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] report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs on forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to [this section and] NRS 294A.362 and section 3 of this act and signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury, [60] 30 days after:
- (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall [up to 30 days after] through the special election; or
- (b) [A] If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall [up to] through the date of the district court's decision.
- [4.] 6. Reports of campaign expenses must be filed with the [officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.] Secretary of State. A candidate may mail the report to [that officer] the Secretary of State by certified



mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.

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- 5. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to subsection 4] 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 7. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of each report of campaign expenses with the [Secretary of State] officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.
- [6. The forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of campaign expenses pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by a candidate to record in the form of a list each campaign expense as he incurs it.]

Sec. 9. 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 or committee sponsored by a political party 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 or political party, 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 by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or political party 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 or political party 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 days before [a] the primary election or primary city election [,] for that office, for the period from [30 days after the last election for that office to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before [a] the general election or general city election [, whether or not the candidate won the primary election or primary city election,] for that office, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary election or primary city election [to] through 12 days before the general election or general city election; [and]
- (c) The 15th day of the second month after a general election or general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after the general election or general city election, list!
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the June 30 of that year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of [a candidate or] the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on [forms] the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and signed] pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the [group] committee or political party under penalty of perjury. [The report must also include identification of expenditures which the person or group made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the first reporting period.
- 2.] 3. Every person, committee or political party 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 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 days before the primary election or primary

(b) Seven days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before

the general election or general city election; and

(c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,

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 by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, committee or political party 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

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(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

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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 by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

5. Every person, committee or political party 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 by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act and signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under 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 5 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.** 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.
- [3. If the candidate is elected from one county, the reports must be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the candidate is elected from one city, the reports must be filed with the city clerk of that city. Otherwise, the]
- 7. The reports must be filed with the Secretary of State. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports must be [made to the officer appropriate for each candidate and] itemized by the candidate. A person may make his report to the [appropriate officer] Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.]
- 4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to subsection 3] 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 8. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of [the] each report that he receives pursuant to subsection 7 with the [Secretary of State] officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after [he] the Secretary of State receives the report.
- [5. The forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of expenditures pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by the person or representative of the group to record in the form of a list each expenditure as it is made.]
- 9. Every person, committee or political party described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he or it receives no contributions.



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Sec. 10. NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.220 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at [any election including any recall or special a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, 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 \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:

(a) Each year in which an election or city election is held for a question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat; 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 who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question 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 who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before [a] the primary election or primary city election, for the period from [30 days after the last general election to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before [a] the general election or general city election, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary



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- (c) The 15th day of the second month after the general election or general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after the general election or general city election, list]
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the June 30 immediately preceding that July 15; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election, for the period from the July 1 through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15,

report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against [a question or] the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and] pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. [The report must also include the identification of expenditures which the person or group made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the first reporting period.

- -2.] 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 who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question 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 July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven 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 days before the primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or



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(c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15, 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 \$100 on the form

designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of periury

representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally 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 \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally 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 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 \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act and signed by the person or a representative of the group under 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 5 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. 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.

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- [3. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one county, the reports must be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one city, the reports must be filed with the city clerk of that city. Otherwise, the]
- 7. The reports must be filed with the Secretary of State. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, the reports [must be made to the officer appropriate for each question and] must be itemized by question. A person may make his report to the [appropriate filing officer] Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.]
- 4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to subsection 3 shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.
- 5. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of expenditure pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by the person or representative of the group to record in the form of a list each expenditure as it is made.] 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 8. The Secretary of State shall file a copy of each report that he receives pursuant to subsection 7 with the officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy within 10 working days after the Secretary of State receives the report.
- Sec. 11. NRS 294A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.230 1. Each committee for political action, person or group of persons organized formally or informally 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, shall, before it engages in any activity in this state, register with the Secretary of State on forms supplied by him.
 - 2. The form must require:
 - (a) The name of the committee $\{\cdot\}$, person or group;
- (b) The purpose for which [it] the committee or group was organized:



(c) The names and addresses of [its officers;] the officers of the committee or group;

- (d) If the committee for political action, *person or group of persons described in subsection 1*, is affiliated with any other organizations, the name and address of each organization;
- (e) The name and address of [its resident agent;] the resident agent of the committee or group; and
- (f) Any other information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.
- 3. A committee for political action, *person or group of persons described in subsection 1*, shall file with the Secretary of State an amended form for registration within 30 days after any change in the information contained in the form for registration.
- **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 [up to] through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period [up to] through the election,
- [list] report each contribution received or made by the committee in excess of \$100 on [a] the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and] pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee 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, [list] report each contribution received [or] 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 [up to] through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, [list] report each contribution received [or] by the committee, and each contribution made by the committee in excess of \$100.
- 4. Each report of contributions must be filed with the Secretary of State. The committee may mail the report by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.] 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- 5. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the [list] 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 [first] current reporting period. [The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of contributions pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by the committee to record in the form of a list each contribution as it is received or made.]
- **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 **[up to]** through 12 days before the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period [up to] through the election,
- [list] report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100 on [a] the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State [and] pursuant to section 3 of this act. The form must be signed by a representative of the committee 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, [list] 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 [up to] through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, [list] report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100.
- 4. The report must also include identification of expenditures which the committee for the recall of a public officer made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the first reporting period.



- 5.] Each report of expenditures must be filed with the Secretary of State. The committee may mail the report to the Secretary of State by certified mail. [If certified mail is used, the date of mailing] A report shall be deemed [the date of filing.
- 6. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of expenditures pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by a committee to record in the form of a list each expenditure as it is made.] 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 the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- Sec. 14. NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.360 1. Every candidate for city office [where the] at a primary city election or general city election [is preceded by a primary city election] shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120 [, 294A.200 and 294A.350] and 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate, 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 candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he 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 and 294A.200 for other offices not later

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- (a) Seven days before the primary city election [,] for that office, for the period from [30 days after the last election for that office up to] the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through 12 days before the primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the general city election [, whether or not the candidate won the primary city election,] for that office, for the period from [12] 11 days before the primary city election [up to] through 12 days before the general city election; [and]



— (c) The 15th day of the second month after the general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after the general city election.

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 (c) July 15 of the year of the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general city election through the June 30 of that year; and

(d) January 15 of the year immediately following the general city election for that office, for the period from the July 1 through

the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15.

- 3. 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 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 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through 12 days before the primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the primary city election through 12 days before the general city election; and
- (c) January 15 of the year immediately following the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the general city election through the December 31 immediately preceding that January 15.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office [where there is no primary city] at a special election shall so file those reports:
- (a) Seven days before the [general city] special election, for the period from [30 days after the last election for that office up to] his nomination through 12 days before the [general city] special election; and
- (b) [The 15th day of the second month] Thirty days after the [general city] special election, for the remaining period [up to 30 days after the general city election.
- 3. The city clerk shall design the form for each report a candidate for city office is required to file pursuant to NRS 294A.120 and 294A.200. The form designed and provided by the city clerk for the reporting of campaign contributions and campaign expenses pursuant to this section must be designed to be used to record in the form of a list each campaign contribution as it is made and each campaign expense in excess of \$100 as it is incurred.



The city clerk shall submit the form to the Secretary of State for approval. The city clerk shall not use such a form until it is approved.] 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 5 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. 15.** NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.365 1. Each report of expenditures required pursuant to NRS 294A.210, 294A.220 and 294A.280 must consist of a list of [the expenditures] each expenditure in excess of \$100 that was made during the periods for reporting. Each report of expenses required pursuant to NRS 294A.125 and 294A.200 must consist of a list of each expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the periods for reporting. The list in each report must state the category and amount of the expense or expenditure and the date on which the expense was incurred or the expenditure was made.
- 2. The categories of expense or expenditure for use on the report of expenses or expenditures are:
 - (a) Office expenses;

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- (b) Expenses related to volunteers;
- (c) Expenses related to travel;
- (d) Expenses related to advertising [;], including, without limitation, expenses related to:
 - (1) Publication of information in a newspaper;
- (2) Television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media;
- (3) Printed advertising, including, without limitation, printing on signs, billboards, posters, brochures, buttons, clothing and direct mail; and
 - (4) Internet services;
 - (e) Expenses related to paid staff;
 - (f) Expenses related to consultants;
 - (g) Expenses related to polling;
 - (h) Expenses related to special events;
- 43 (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and 44 services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have 45 been paid; and



(j) Other miscellaneous expenses.

3. [The Secretary of State and each city clerk shall not require a candidate to provide separately the total amount of each category of expenses described in this section.] Each report of expenses or expenditures described in subsection 1 must list the disposition of any unspent campaign contributions using the categories set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 294A.160.

Sec. 16. 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 or a committee for the recall of a public officer pursuant to NRS 294A.250; or
- 4. The reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, [294A.180,] 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360,

shall furnish the candidate 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.140, 294A.150, [294A.180,] 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 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 must be printed on the forms. The candidate or entity shall acknowledge receipt of the material.

- **Sec. 17.** NRS 294A.410 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.410 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.345 and 294A.346, if it appears that the provisions of this chapter have been violated, the Secretary of State may:
- (a) Conduct an investigation concerning the alleged violation and cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in the First Judicial District Court; or
- (b) Refer the alleged violation to the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall investigate the alleged violation and institute and prosecute the appropriate proceedings in the First Judicial District Court without delay.
- 2. A person who believes that any provision of this chapter has been violated may notify the Secretary of State, in writing, of the alleged violation. The notice must be signed by the person alleging the violation and include any information in support of the alleged violation.



3. For the purposes of this section, the provisions of this chapter have been violated if a person or entity provides incomplete or untrue information in any document required to be filed pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 18. NRS 294A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.420 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a person or entity that is subject to the provisions of NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, [294A.180,] 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 has not filed a report or form for registration pursuant to the applicable provisions of those sections, the Secretary of State may, after giving notice to that person or entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial District Court.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person or entity that violates an applicable provision of NRS 294A.112, 294A.120, 294A.130, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.160, 294A.170, [294A.180,] 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.300, 294A.310, 294A.320 or 294A.360 is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the Treasurer.
- 3. If a civil penalty is imposed because a person or entity has reported its contributions, expenses or expenditures after the date the report is due, the amount of the civil penalty is:
- (a) If the report is not more than 7 days late, \$25 for each day the report is late.
- (b) If the report is more than 7 days late but not more than 15 days late, \$50 for each day the report is late.
- (c) If the report is more than 15 days late, \$100 for each day the report is late.
- 4. For good cause shown, the Secretary of State may waive a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section. If the Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall:
- (a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the good cause shown; and
- (b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is available for review by the general public.



Sec. 19. Chapter 281 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 20 and 21 of this act.

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- Sec. 20. 1. On or before November 20 of each year, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration, county clerk of each county and city clerk of each city shall submit electronically to the Commission a list of public officers of the legislative branch of state government, executive branch of state government, county and city, respectively.
- 2. As used in this section, "county clerk" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293.044.
- Sec. 21. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a public officer who was appointed to the office for which he is serving is entitled to receive compensation for serving in that office, he shall file with the Commission a statement of financial disclosure, as follows:
- (a) A public officer appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure within 30 days after his 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.
- 2. If a person is serving in a public office for which he is required to file a statement pursuant to subsection 1, he may use the statement he files for that initial office to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for every other public office to which he is appointed and in which he 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 281.571.
- 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 his 42 statement of financial disclosure within the period before the 43 notice is sent;



(b) The name of each public officer who filed his 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 his statement of financial disclosure, the name of each public officer who filed his 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. The Commission shall reject any statement of financial disclosure that is incomplete. If the Commission determines that a statement of financial disclosure is incomplete it shall notify the public officer who filed the statement. For the purposes of this section, a statement of financial disclosure must not be considered to be filed with the Commission if it is incomplete.
- 7. 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 the date that it was received by the Commission if the statement was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.
- Sec. 22. NRS 281.411 is hereby amended to read as follows: 281.411 NRS 281.411 to 281.581, inclusive, *and sections 20 and 21 of this act* may be cited as the Nevada Ethics in Government Law.
- Sec. 23. NRS 281.561 is hereby amended to read as follows: 281.561 1. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, if] If a candidate for public office or a public officer who was elected to the office for which he is serving is entitled to receive compensation for serving in [the office in question,] that office, he shall file with the [Commission,] Secretary of State and with the officer with whom declarations of candidacy for [the office in question] the office are filed, 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.



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

- (c) Every public officer, whether appointed or elected,] with the officer with whom he files a declaration of candidacy for the office at the same time as he files the declaration of candidacy; and
- (b) Each public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure on or before [March 31] January 15 of each year of the term, including the year the term expires.
- [(d) A public officer who leaves office on a date other than the expiration of his term or anniversary of his appointment or election, shall file a statement of financial disclosure within 60 days after leaving office.
- 2. A statement filed pursuant to one of the paragraphs of subsection 1 may be used to satisfy the requirements of another paragraph of subsection 1 if the initial statement was filed not more than 3 months before the other statement is required to be filed.
- 3. If a person is serving in a public office for which he is required to file a statement pursuant to subsection 1, he may use the statement he files for that initial office to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for every other public office in which he is also serving.
- 4. A person may satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 by filing with the Commission a copy of a statement of financial disclosure that was filed pursuant to the requirements of a specialized or local ethics committee if the form of the statement has been approved by the Commission.
- 5.] 2. 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 281.571.
- 3. The Secretary of State shall reject any statement of financial disclosure that is incomplete. If the Secretary of State determines that a statement of financial disclosure is incomplete he shall notify the public officer who filed the statement. For the purposes of this section, a statement of financial disclosure must not be considered to be filed with the Secretary of State if it is incomplete.
- 4. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State:
- 43 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 44 mail; or



(b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if the statement was sent by regular mail or delivered personally.

- 5. The statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section may be filed with a report of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures required to be filed on a form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 3 of this act.
 - **Sec. 24.** NRS 281.571 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 281.571 1. Statements of financial disclosure, as approved pursuant to NRS 281.541 or in such form as the Commission otherwise prescribes, must contain the following information concerning the candidate for public office or public officer:
- (a) His length of residence in the State of Nevada and the **[district]** county in which he is registered to vote.
- (b) Each source of his income, or that of any member of his 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 he or a member of his 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 he or a member of his 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 he or a member of his 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 him 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 281.541.
 - 3. As used in this section:

- (a) "Business entity" means an organization or enterprise operated for economic gain, including a proprietorship, partnership, firm, business, trust, joint venture, syndicate, corporation or association.
 - (b) "Household" includes:
- (1) The spouse of a candidate for public office or public officer;
- (2) 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
- (3) 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. 25.** NRS 281.581 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 281.581 1. A candidate for public office or public officer who fails to file his statement of financial disclosure in a timely manner pursuant to NRS 281.561 *or section 21 of this act* is subject to a civil penalty and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the amount of the civil penalty is:
- (a) If the statement is filed not more than 7 days late, \$25 for each day the statement is late.
- (b) If the statement is filed more than 7 days late but not more than 15 days late, \$175 for the first 7 days, plus \$50 for each additional day the statement is late.
- (c) If the statement is filed more than 15 days late, \$575 for the first 15 days, plus \$100 for each additional day the statement is late.
- 2. The [Commission] Secretary of State may, for good cause shown, waive or reduce the civil penalty.



- 3. The civil penalty imposed for a violation of this section must not exceed the annual compensation for the office for which the statement was filed.
- 4. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the [Commission] Secretary of State in a court of competent jurisdiction and deposited by the [Commission] Secretary of State in the account for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the State Treasurer.
- 5. If the [Commission] Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to subsection 2, the [Commission] Secretary of State shall:
- (a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the good cause shown; and
- (b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is available for review by the general public.
 - Sec. 26. NRS 294A.180 is hereby repealed.

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- **Sec. 27.** The statement of financial disclosure required to be filed on or before January 15, 2004, by a public officer with the Secretary of State pursuant to the amendatory provisions of NRS 281.561 must cover the period from the last statement of financial disclosure filed by the public officer through December 21, 2003.
 - **Sec. 28.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2004.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

294A.180 Candidate or elected public officer to file report relating to disposition of unspent contributions; procedure for reporting.

- 1. Each candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office who is not elected to that office shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after his defeat, file a report with the Secretary of State stating the amount of contributions which he received for that campaign but did not spend and the disposition of those unspent contributions.
- 2. Each public officer who is elected to a state, district, county, city or township office shall file a report:
- (a) Not later than the 15th day of the second month after his election, stating the amount of campaign contributions which he received but did not spend and the amount, if any, of those unspent contributions disposed of pursuant to subsections 2 and 6 of NRS 294A.160 as of the last day of the first month after his election;



- (b) Not later than January 15th of each year of his term beginning the year after he filed the report required by paragraph (a), stating the amount, if any, of those unspent contributions disposed of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period from the last date covered by his last report through December 31 of the immediately preceding year and the manner in which they were disposed of; and
- (c) Not later than the 15th day of the second month after he no longer holds that office, stating the amount and disposition of any remaining unspent contributions.
- 3. The reports required by subsections 1 and 2 must be submitted on a form designed and provided by the Secretary of State and signed by the candidate or public officer under penalty of perjury.
 - 4. A public officer filing a report pursuant to subsection 2:
- (a) Shall file the report with the officer with whom he filed his declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.
- (b) May file the report by certified mail. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing shall be deemed the date of filing.
- 5. A county clerk who receives from a legislative or judicial officer, other than a justice of the peace or municipal judge, a report pursuant to subsection 4 shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.



