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.

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

AN ACT relating to elections; establishing the general form used for reporting campaign contributions and expenditures and certain statements of financial disclosure; eliminating the requirement to report campaign expenses and expenditures that have been contracted for but not paid during a reporting period; 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. Each report of campaign contributions and
 expenses or expenditures that is filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120,
 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270,



294A.280, 294A.360 or 294A.362, and each statement of financial 1 disclosure filed pursuant to NRS 281.561 must be submitted on the 2 3 following form: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES State of Nevada Office (if applicable) Name (print) District (if applicable) Mailing Address (include city and zip code) Telephone No. E-Mail Address Select Appropriate Box(es) CANDIDATE PAC BAG POL PRTY IND EXP AMENDED **Report Period** BEGINNING CASH ON HAND 1. Cash on Hand at Beginning of This Reporting Period Cash on Hand at Beginning of This Reporting Year 2. This Period Plus Previous Periods This CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY This Period Year 3. Total Monetary Contributions Received in Excess of \$100 4. Total Monetary Contributions Received of \$100 or Less This Period Plus Previous Periods This This Year Period 5. Actual Number of Monetary Contributions of \$100 or Less Interest and Income Earned on Contributions 6. 7. Total Amount of Monetary Contributions Received (Add Lines 3, 4 and 6) Total Value of In Kind Contributions Received 8. EXPENSES SUMMARY 9. Total Monetary Expenses Paid in Excess of \$100 10. Total Monetary Expenses Paid of \$100 or Less Expense for Filing Fee Paid (Do not Include in Line 9 or 10 Above) 11. 12. Total Amount of All Monetary Expenses Paid (Add Lines 9, 10 and 11) 13. Total Value of In Kind Expenses ENDING CASH ON HAND Cash on Hand at Close of This Reporting Period Based on Activity 14. During This Reporting Period (Add Lines 1 and 7 for This Period and Subtract Line 11 for This Period) Cash on Hand at Close of This Reporting Period Based on Activity During This Reporting Year (Add Lines 2 and 7 for This Reporting Year 15. and Subtract Line 11 for This Reporting Year) AFFIRMATION I Declare Under Penalty of Perjury That the Foregoing is True and Correct.

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Signature



Date

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS Report Period #	
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Name (print)

Office (if applicable) District (if applicable)

Contributions in Excess of \$100 or, When Added Together from One Contributor Exceeds \$100 Transfer Total Amount of All Campaign Contributions to Line 3 of Contributions Summary

CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE OF EACH CONTRIBUTION	Amount of Each Contribution	CHECK HERE IF LOAN



CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	Report Period	#
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Name (print)

Office (if applicable)
Expense Categories

District (if applicable)

CATEGORIES	CODE
Office expenses	Α
Expenses related to volunteers	В
Expenses related to travel	С
Expenses related to advertising	D
Expenses related to paid staff	E
Expenses related to consultants	F
Expenses related to polling	G
Expenses related to special events	Н
Goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid	Ι
Other miscellaneous expenses	J



#### CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

#### Report Period #

Name (print)

### Office (if applicable)

District (if applicable)

Expenses in Excess of \$100 Transfer Total Amount of All Campaign Expenses to Line 9 of Expenses Summary

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WHO RECEIVED THE PAYMENT FOR THE EXPENSE(S)	CATEGORY (See Previous Page) NRS 294A.365	DATE OF EACH EXPENSE	AMOUNT OF EACH EXPENSE



#### IN KIND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Report Period #

Name (print)

Office (if applicable)

District (if applicable)

# IN KIND Contributions in Excess of \$100 or, When Added Together from One Contributor Exceeds \$100 Transfer Total Value of All In-Kind Campaign Contributions to Line 8 of Contributions Summary

Contributor's Name and Address	DATE OF EACH IN KIND CONTRIBUTION	DESCRIPTION OF EACH IN KIND CONTRIBUTION	VALUE OR COST OF EACH IN KIND CONTRIBUTION	CHECK HERE IF LOAN



#### IN KIND CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

#### Report Period #

District (if applicable)

Name (print)

Office (if applicable)

IN KIND Expenses in Excess of \$100 Transfer Total Value of All In-Kind Campaign Expenses to Line 13 of Expenses Summary

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WHO RECEIVED THE IN KIND GOOD(S) OR SERVICE(S)	DESCRIPTION OF EACH IN KIND EXPENSE	DATE OF EACH IN KIND EXPENSE	VALUE OR COST OF EACH IN KIND EXPENSE



FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Name	Telephone		
Address	City, State, Zip	[	
	trict where registered to	o vote	[NRS 281.571, Subsection 1(a)]
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List all public offices for which this financial disclosure	statement is required [N	RS 281.571, Subsection Public Officer (1/15)	on 1(g)]: Candidate
Annual Public Office Compensation	Term or Date	NRS 281.561(1)(b)	NRS
Public Office Compensation	Appointed		281.561(1)(a)
		Self	Household Member
List all general sources of income for you and members	of your household over	$\square$ [NRS 281.571, Sub	section 1(b)]:
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List each creditor to whom you or a member of your hot deed of trust on real property which is not required to l vehicle for personal use was retained by seller] [NRS 28	be listed below, and (2)	debt for which a secu	secured by mortgage or rity interest in a motor
involved as a trustee, beneficiary of a trust, director, offi a class of stock or security representing 1% or more of [NRS 281.571, Subsection 1(f)]:	the total outstanding sto	n part, limited or gener ick or securities issued	al partner, or holder of by the business entity
List specific location and particular use of all real estate of your household has a legal or beneficial interest; (2) this state or an adjacent state [NRS 281.571, Subsection	the fair market value of	sidence): (1) in which which is \$2,500 or m	you have or a member tore; and (3) located in
Specific Location		Pa	urticular Use
List the identify of donor and value of each gift of all during the preceding taxable year [except (1) a gift rec- consanguinity or affinity; and (2) ceremonial gifts recei- occasion if the donor does not have a substantial interes 281.571, Subsection 1(e)]:	eived from a person whe ved for a birthday, wedd	o is related to you wit ing, anniversary, holid	thin the third degree of lay or other ceremonial
Donor		V	alue of Gift
AFFIRM THAT ALL INFORMATION HEREIN IS	ACCURATE AND CO	OMPLETE.	
Date: Signature	e:		
Copy or Duplicate	e If You Need Additional	l Space	



1 2. A candidate, person, committee, political party or group that requires additional space on a page of the form set forth in 2 subsection 1 may copy or duplicate the page. A candidate, person, 3 committee, political party or group shall number each page of the 4 5 form in the lower right hand corner of the page.

3. The filing officer: 6

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7 (a) May not request information concerning campaign 8 contributions and expenses or expenditures from a candidate, person, committee, political party or group that is required to file a 9 report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 10 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.360 or 294A.362, 11 or a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to NRS 281.561, 12 13 other than:

14 (1) Information requested on the form set forth in 15 subsection 1; or

(2) Pursuant to any provision of law authorizing the filing 16 17 officer to request the information.

(b) May include acknowledgments and instructions to 18 19 accompany the form set forth pursuant to subsection 1.

20 Sec. 3. Upon request, the filing officer shall provide a copy 21 of the form set forth in section 2 of this act to each candidate, person, committee, political party and group that is required to file 22 23 a report of its campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 24 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.360 or 25 294A.362, or a financial disclosure statement pursuant to 26 27 NRS 281.561.

28 Sec. 3.5. NRS 294A.004 is hereby amended to read as 29 follows:

294A.004 "Campaign expenses" and "expenditures" mean:

31 1. Those expenditures [contracted for or] made for advertising on television, radio, billboards, posters and in newspapers; and 32

33 All other expenditures [contracted for or] made, 2.

to advocate expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified 34 35 candidate or group of candidates or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified question or group of questions on the ballot, including any 36 37 payments made to a candidate or any person who is related to the 38 candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. 39

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

40 294A.120 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or 41 township office at a primary or general election shall, not later *than* 42 January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the

43 previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report

44 each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during the period and contributions received during the period from a 45



contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. 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.

5 2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township 6 office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election 7 for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after 8 January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that 9 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,

22 list each of the campaign contributions that] July 15 of the year of 23 the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days

24 before the general election through June 30 of that year,

25 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he receives

during the period and contributions received during the period
from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report
must be completed on [forms designed and] the form set forth in
section 2 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State pursuant to
this section and NRS 294A.362.] filing officer. Each form must be

signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

32 [2.] 3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township 33 office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election 34 for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1

35 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not 36 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; and

40 (b) Seven days before the general election for that office, for 41 the period from 11 days before the primary election through 12 42 days before the general election,

43 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received

44 during the period and contributions received during the period

45 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report



1 must be completed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 2 provided by the filing officer. Each form must be signed by the 3 candidate under penalty of perjury.

4 **4.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection [3,] 5, every 5 candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later 6 than:

7 (a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from
8 his nomination [up to] through 12 days before the special election;
9 and

10 (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining 11 period [up to] through the special election,

[list each of the campaign contributions that he receives] report 12 each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 he received during 13 14 the period and contributions received during the reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 15 must be completed on [forms designed and] the form set forth in 16 section 2 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State pursuant to 17 this section and NRS 294A.362.] filing officer. Each form must be 18 signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury. 19

20 [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] the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State pursuant to this section and NRS 294A.362,] filing officer, 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 <u>[up to]</u> through the date of the district court's decision.

34 [4.] 6. Reports of campaign contributions must be filed with the fofficer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of 35 candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.] appropriate filing officer 36 and, if the appropriate filing officer is not the Secretary of State, 37 38 with the appropriate filing officer and the Secretary of State. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to [that] the filing officer 39 40 , and the Secretary of State if required, by regular mail, certified mail [. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing], facsimile 41 42 machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed [the date of 43 filing. Every county clerk who receives from candidates for 44

44 legislative or judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace



1 or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to

2 subsection 4 shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of

3 State within 10 working days after he receives the report.

4 <u>-6.</u>] to be filed with the filing officer or the Secretary of State:

5 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 6 mail; or

7 (b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer or the 8 Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, 9 transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered 10 personally.

11 7. A report that is mailed or transmitted pursuant to 12 subsection 6 in a timely manner to the wrong filing officer shall be 13 deemed to be timely filed.

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.

19 [7. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State
20 for the reporting of contributions pursuant to this section must be
21 designed to be used by a candidate to record in the form of a list
22 each campaign contribution as he receives it.]

**Sec. 5.** NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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24 294A.140 1. Every person who is not under the direction or 25 control of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of 26 27 *such* candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that 28 candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the 29 candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by 30 the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, 31 political party and committee sponsored by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf of *such* a candidate or group of 32 33 candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or 34 political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year 35 through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign 36 contribution in excess of \$100 he or it received during the period 37 38 and contributions received during the period from a contributor 39 which cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection 40 apply to the person, committee or political party beginning the 41 year of the general election or general city election for that office 42 through the year immediately preceding the next general election 43 or general city election for that office.

44 2. Every person, committee or political party described in 45 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of the



1 candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, 2 general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of 3 such candidates shall, if the general election or general city 4 election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in 5 the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after 6 January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that 7 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 the general election
or general city election, for the remaining period up to 30 days after
the general election or general city election,

22 list each of the contributions] July 15 of the year of the general 23 election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 11 days before the general election or general city election 25 through June 30 of that year,

report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 26 27 during the period and contributions received during the period 28 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report *must be completed* on the form [designed and] set forth in section 2 29 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State and shall sign the 30 31 report] filing officer. The form must be signed by the person or a *representative of the committee or political party* under penalty of 32 33 perjury.

34 The name and address of the contributor and the date on <del>[2.]</del> **3**. 35 which the contribution was received must be included on the **list** *report* for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions 36 37 which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the [first] current reporting period. [The form 38 39 designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the reporting of 40 contributions pursuant to this section must be designed to be used 41 by the person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party to record in the form of a 42 43 list each contribution as it is received. 3. If the candidate is elected from one county, the reports must 44

45 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. For all other candidates, the]

4. Every person, committee or political party described in 3 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate 4 for office at a primary election, primary city election, general 5 election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such 6 7 candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for 8 the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of 9 candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the 10 January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than: (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city 11

12 election for that office, for the period from the January 1 13 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city 14 election through 12 days before the primary election or primary 15 city election; and

16 (b) Seven days before the general election or general city 17 election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the 18 primary election or primary city election through 12 days before 19 the general election or general city election,

20 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 21 during the period and contributions received during the period 22 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 23 must be completed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 24 provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 25 person or a representative of the committee or political party 26 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,

38 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 39 during the period and contributions received during the period 40 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 41 must be completed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 42 provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 43 person or a representative of the committee or political party 44 under penalty of perjury.



6. Every person, committee or political party described in 1 2 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public 3 officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of candidates for 4 5 offices at such special elections shall report each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions 6 7 received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form set forth 8 in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer and signed by 9 the person or a representative of the committee or political party 10 under penalty of perjury, 30 days after: 11 (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the

12 (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the 13 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the 14 special election; or

15 (b) If the special election is not held because a district court 16 determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient 17 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the 18 filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall 19 through the date of the district court's decision.

20 7. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this 21 section must be filed with:

(a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county
 clerk of that county and the Secretary of State;

(b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of
 that city and the Secretary of State; or

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

*8.* A person or entity may file the report with the appropriate *filing* officer , *and the Secretary of State if required*, by *regular*

*mail*, certified mail [. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing],
 *facsimile machine or electronic means. A report* shall be deemed
 Ithe 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

35 Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the

36 report.] to be filed with the filing officer or the Secretary of State:

37 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 38 mail; or

39 (b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer or the 40 Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, 41 transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered

42 *personally*.

43 9. A report that is mailed or transmitted pursuant to 44 subsection 7 in a timely manner to the wrong filing officer shall be 45 deemed to be timely filed.



1 10. Every person, committee or political party described in 2 subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he 3 or it receives no contributions.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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5 294A.150 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a 6 question or group of questions on the ballot at fany election 7 8 including any recall or special] a primary election, primary city 9 election, general election or general city election, shall, not later 10 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 11 12 13 previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of 14 \$100 received during that period and contributions received 15 during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form set forth in 16 section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer. The form must 17 be signed by the person or a representative of the group under 18 19 penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the 20 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).

25 2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city 26 27 election immediately following that primary election or primary 28 city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 29 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of 30 persons organized formally or informally who advocates the 31 passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this 32 subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or 33 general city election held on or after January 1 and before the 34 July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or 35 group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates 36 37 the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that 38 includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this 39 40 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,

8 list each of the contributions] July 15 of the year of the general

9 election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before

10 the general election or general city election through June 30 of 11 that year,

12 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 13 during the period and contributions received during the period 14 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 15 must be completed on the form [designed and] set forth in section 2 16 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State] filing officer and 17 signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty 18 of perjury.

[2.] 3. The name and address of the [contribution] contributor 19 and the date on which the contribution was received must be 20 included on the **[list]** report for each contribution in excess of \$100 21 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in 22 23 excess of that amount since the beginning of the *first reporting*. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State for the 24 25 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 26 27 received.

28 <u>3. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one county</u>,

29 the reports must be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the

30 question is submitted to the voters of only one city, the reports must

31 be filed with the city clerk of that city. Otherwise, the] current
 32 reporting period.

33 4. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city 34 election immediately following that primary election or primary 35 city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 36 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of 37 38 persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that 39 40 includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this 41 subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or 42 general city election held on or after July 1 and before the 43 January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or 44 group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates 45 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:

4 (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city 5 election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding 6 the primary election or primary city election through 12 days 7 before the primary election or primary city election; and

8 (b) Seven days before the general election or general city 9 election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or 10 primary city election through 12 days before the general election 11 or general city election,

12 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 13 during the period and contributions received during the period 14 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 15 must be completed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 16 provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 17 person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

18 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person 19 or group of persons organized formally or informally who 20 advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of 21 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,

27 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received 28 during the period and contributions received during the period 29 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report 30 must be completed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 31 provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 32 person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. 33 percent for the group under penalty of perjury. 34 percent for the group under penalty of perjury. 35 percent for 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 set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer 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

40 (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the 41 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the 42 special election; or

43 (b) If the special election is not held because a district court 44 determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient 45 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.

3 7. *The* reports *required pursuant to this section* must be filed 4 with :

5 (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the 6 county clerk of that county and the Secretary of State;

7 (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city 8 clerk of that city and the Secretary of State; or

9 (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one 10 county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. 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.

 15 [4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to subsection 3 shall file a copy of the report with the
 17 Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives

18 the report.] A person may mail or transmit his report to the 19 appropriate filing officer, and the Secretary of State if required, by

20 regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic

21 means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the filing officer 22 or 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 filing officer or the
Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail,
transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered
personally.

**Sec.** 7. NRS 294A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 294A.160 1. It is unlawful for a candidate to spend money 31 received as a campaign contribution for his personal use.

2. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office at a primary, general, primary city, general city or special election who is elected to that office and received contributions that were not spent or committed for expenditure before the primary, general, primary city, general city or special election shall:

(a) Return the unspent money to contributors;

(b) Use the money in his next election or for the payment of
other expenses related to public office or his campaign [;], *regardless of whether he is a candidate for a different office in his next election;*

42 (c) Contribute the money to:

(1) The campaigns of other candidates for public office or forthe payment of debts related to their campaigns;

45 (2) A political party;

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(3) A person or group of persons advocating the passage or 1 2 defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot; or

(4) Any combination of persons or groups set forth in 3 4 subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3); 5

(d) Donate the money to any tax-exempt nonprofit entity; or

(e) Dispose of the money in any combination of the methods 6 7 provided in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive.

8 3. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township 9 office at a primary, general, primary city, general city or special 10 election who is not elected to that office and received contributions that were not spent or committed for expenditure before the primary, 11 general, primary city, general city or special election shall, not later 12 13 than the 15th day of the second month after his defeat:

(a) Return the unspent money to contributors;

(b) Contribute the money to:

16 (1) The campaigns of other candidates for public office or for the payment of debts related to their campaigns; 17

(2) A political party;

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(3) A person or group of persons advocating the passage or 19 20 defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot; or

(4) Any combination of persons or groups set forth in 21 22 subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3);

(c) Donate the money to any tax-exempt nonprofit entity; or

24 (d) Dispose of the money in any combination of the methods 25 provided in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

4. Every candidate for a state, district, county, city or township 26 27 office who is defeated at a primary or primary city election and 28 received a contribution from a person in excess of \$5,000 shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after his defeat, return 29 30 any money in excess of \$5,000 to the contributor.

31 5. Every public officer who:

(a) Holds a state, district, county, city or township office;

(b) Does not run for reelection and is not a candidate for any 33 other office; and 34

35 (c) Has contributions that are not spent or committed for expenditure remaining from a previous election, 36

shall, not later than the 15th day of the second month after the 37 expiration of his term of office, dispose of those contributions in the 38 39 manner provided in subsection 3.

40 6. In addition to the methods for disposing the unspent money 41 set forth in subsections 2, 3 and 4, a Legislator may donate not more 42 than \$500 of that money to the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative

43 Forum created pursuant to NRS 427A.320.

44 7. Any contributions received before a candidate for a state, district, county, city or township office at a primary, general, 45



1 primary city, general city or special election dies that were not 2 spent or committed for expenditure before the death of the 3 candidate must be disposed of in the manner provided in 4 subsection 3.

5 8. The court shall, in addition to any penalty which may be 6 imposed pursuant to NRS 294A.420, order the candidate or public 7 officer to dispose of any remaining contributions in the manner 8 provided in this section.

9 [8.] 9. As used in this section, "contributions" include any 10 interest and other income earned thereon.

11 Sec. 8. NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.200 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or 12 13 township office at a primary or general election shall, not later *than* 14 January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report 15 each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs 16 and each amount in excess of \$100 that he disposes of pursuant to 17 NRS 294A.160 during the period on the form set forth in section 2 18 19 of this act provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed 20 by the candidate under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this 21 subsection apply to the candidate: 22 (a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office

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

25 (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during 26 which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to 27 NRS 294A.160.

28 2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township 29 office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election 30 for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after 31 January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that 32 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

42 (c) [The 15th day of the second month after the general election,

43 for the remaining period up to 30 days before the next regular
 44 session of the Legislature,



list] 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,

4 report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he

5 incurs during the period on [forms designed and] the form set forth

6 *in section 2 of this act* provided by the [Secretary of State pursuant

to this section and NRS 294A.362.] *filing officer*. Each form must
be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

9 [2.] 3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township 10 office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election 11 for the office for which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1 12 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not 13 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; and

(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,

20 report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he 21 incurs during the period on the form set forth in section 2 of this 22 act provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 23 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

30 (b) [Sixty] *Thirty* days after the special election, for the 31 remaining period [up to 30 days after] *through* the special 32 election,

33 [list] report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs during the period on [forms designed and] the form set forth

35 *in section 2 of this act* provided by the [Secretary of State pursuant

36 to this section and NRS 294A.362.] *filing officer*. Each form must

37 be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

38 [3.] 5. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or
39 township office at a special election to determine whether a public
40 officer will be recalled shall [list] report each of the campaign
41 expenses in excess of \$100 that he incurs on [forms designed and]
42 the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the [Secretary
43 of State pursuant to this section and NRS 294A.362] filing officer

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

4 (b) [A] If the special election is not held because a district 5 court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient 6 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the 7 filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall [up to] 8 through the date of the district court's decision.

9 [4.] 6. Reports of campaign expenses must be filed with the 10 fofficer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.] appropriate filing officer and, if the 11 appropriate filing officer is not the Secretary of State, with the 12 appropriate filing officer and the Secretary of State. A candidate 13 14 may mail or transmit the report to [that] the filing officer, and the 15 Secretary of State if required, by regular mail, certified mail [. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing], facsimile machine or 16 17 electronic means. A report shall be deemed [the date of filing. 5. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or 18 19 judicial office, except the office of justice of the peace or municipal 20 judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to subsection 4 shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 21 22 working days after he receives the report. 6. The forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State 23 for the reporting of campaign expenses pursuant to this section must 24

25 be designed to be used by a candidate to record in the form of a list

26 each campaign expense as he incurs it.] to be filed with the filing
 27 officer or 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 filing officer or the
Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail,
transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered
personally.

7. A report that is mailed or transmitted pursuant to
subsection 6 in a timely manner to the wrong filing officer shall be
deemed to be timely filed.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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294A.210 1. Every person who is not under the direction or 38 39 control of a candidate for an office at a primary election, primary 40 city election, general election or general city election, of a group of 41 such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that 42 candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the 43 candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by 44 the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party which 45



1 makes an expenditure on behalf of *such* a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the 2 provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or 3 political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year 4 5 through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, 6 7 the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of this act 8 provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the 9 10 person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply 11 to the person, committee or political party beginning the year of 12 the general election or general city election for that office through 13 14 the year immediately preceding the next general election or 15 general city election for that office.

2. Every person, committee or political party described in 16 17 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general 18 19 election or general city election or a group of such candidates 20 shall, if the general election or general city election for the office 21 for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates 22 seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 23 *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,

38 list] July 15 of the year of the general election or general city 39 election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the 40 general election or general city election through the June 30 of 41 that year,

42 *report* each expenditure made during the period on behalf of  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ 

43 candidate or] the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate
 44 in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on [forms designed]

45 and] the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the



[Secretary of State and] filing officer. The form must be signed by 1 2 the person or a representative of the **[group]** committee or political party under penalty of perjury. [The report must also include 3 identification of expenditures which the person or group made 4 cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the first 5 reporting period. 6 <u>-2.</u>] 3. Every person, committee or political party described in 7 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate 8 for office at a primary election, primary city election, general 9 10 election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for 11 the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of 12 13 candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than: 14

15 (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city 16 election for that office, for the period from the January 1 17 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city 18 election through 12 days before the primary election or primary 19 city election; and

20 (b) Seven days before the general election or general city 21 election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the 22 primary election or primary city election through 12 days before 23 the general election or general city election,

report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.

30 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, 31 committee or political party described in subsection 1 which makes 32 an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special 33 election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later 34 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

39 (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining 40 period through the special election,

41 report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the

42 candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of

43 candidates in excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of

44 this act provided by the filing officer. The form must be signed by



the person or a representative of the committee or political party 1 2 under penalty of perjury. 5. Every person, committee or political party described in 3 subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate 4 for office at a special election to determine whether a public 5 officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of such candidates 6 7 shall list each expenditure made on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in 8 9 excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer and signed by the person or a 10 representative of the committee or political party under penalty of 11 perjury, 30 days after: 12 13 (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the 14 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the 15 special election: or (b) If the special election is not held because a district court 16 determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient 17 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the 18 19 filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall 20 through the date of the district court's decision. 21 6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but 22 for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other 23 24 production of the media, must be included in the report. 25 [3. If the candidate is elected from one county, the reports must 26 be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the candidate is 27 elected from one city, the reports must be filed with the city clerk of 28 that city. Otherwise, the] 29 7. The reports must be filed with : 30 (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county 31 clerk of that county and the Secretary of State; 32 (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of 33 that city and the Secretary of State; or 34 (c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State. 35 8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, 36

the reports must be [made to the officer appropriate for each candidate and] itemized by the candidate. A person may [make] *mail or transmit* his report to the appropriate *filing* officer, *and the Secretary of State if required*, by *regular mail*, certified mail [. If
certified mail is used, the date of mailing], *facsimile machine or electronic means*. A *report* shall be deemed [the date of filing.
4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report
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44 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.

3 <u>5. The forms designed and provided by the Secretary of State</u>

4 for the reporting of expenditures pursuant to this section must be

5 designed to be used by the person or representative of the group to

6 record in the form of a list each expenditure as it is made.] to be

7 filed with the filing officer or the Secretary of State:

8 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 9 mail; or

10 (b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer or the 11 Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, 12 transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered 13 personally.

14 9. A report that is mailed or transmitted pursuant to 15 subsection 7 in a timely manner to the wrong filing officer shall be 16 deemed to be timely filed.

17 10. Every person, committee or political party described in 18 subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if he 19 or it receives no contributions.

20 **Sec. 10.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21 294A.220 1. Every person or group of persons organized 22 formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at [any election 23 including any recall or special *a primary* election, *primary city* 24 election, general election or general city election, shall, not later 25 26 than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection 27 apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from 28 January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on 29 30 behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a 31 question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing 32 officer. The form must be signed by the person or a representative 33 of the group under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this 34 subsection apply to the person or group of persons: 35

(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

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

40 2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or 41 primary city election and the general election or general city 42 election immediately following that primary election or primary 43 city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 44 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of 45 persons organized formally or informally who advocates the



1 passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this 2 subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or 3 4 general city election held on or after January 1 and before the 5 July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates 6 7 the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this 8 9 subsection. A person or group of persons described in this 10 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] 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,

*report* each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or 26 27 against [a question or] the question, the group of questions or a 28 question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form [designed and] set forth in section 2 of this act 29 30 provided by the [Secretary of State] *filing officer* and signed by the 31 person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. The report must also include the identification of expenditures 32 which the person or group made cumulatively in excess of \$100 33 since the beginning of the first reporting period. 34 -2.] 3. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or 35 primary city election and the general election or general city 36 election immediately following that primary election or primary 37 38 city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of 39

40 persons organized formally or informally who advocates the 41 passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that

42 includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this

43 subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or 44 general city election held on or after July 1 and before the

45 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:

6 (a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city
7 election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding
8 the primary election or primary city election through 12 days
9 before the primary election or primary city election; and

10 (b) Seven days before the general election or general city 11 election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or 12 primary city election through 12 days before the general election 13 or general city election,

14 report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or 15 against the question, the group of questions or a question in the 16 group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form set 17 forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer. The 18 form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group 19 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

27 (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining 28 period through the special election,

29 report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or

30 against the question, the group of questions or a question in the

31 group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form set

32 forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer. The 33 form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group

34 under penalty of perjury.

5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or 35 informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or 36 37 group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine 38 whether a public officer will be recalled shall list each expenditure 39 made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the 40 group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the 41 ballot in excess of \$100 on the form set forth in section 2 of this 42 act provided by the filing officer and signed by the person or a 43 representative of the group under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:



(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the 1 2 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or 3 (b) If the special election is not held because a district court 4 5 determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the 6 7 filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall 8 through the date of the district court's decision. 9 6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the 10 State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other 11 12 production of the media, must be included in the report. 13 [3. If the question is submitted to the voters of only one county, 14 the reports must be filed with the county clerk of that county. If the 15 question is submitted to the voters of only one city, the reports must 16 be filed with the city clerk of that city. Otherwise, the] 7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed 17 18 with : 19 (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the 20 county clerk of that county and the Secretary of State; 21 (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city 22 clerk of that city and the Secretary of State; or 23 (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one 24 county or city, the Secretary of State. 8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, 25 the reports [must be made to the officer appropriate for each 26 question and] must be itemized by question. A person may [make] 27 28 *mail or transmit* his report to the appropriate filing officer or the 29 Secretary of State if required, by regular mail, certified mail [. If 30 certified mail is used, the date of mailing], facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed [the date of filing. 31 4. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report 32 pursuant to subsection 3 shall file a copy of the report with the 33 Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the 34 35 report. <u>5. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State</u> 36 37 for the reporting of expenditure pursuant to this section must be designed to be used by the person or representative of the group to 38 record in the form of a list each expenditure as it is made.] to be 39 40 filed with the filing officer or the Secretary of State: 41 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 42 mail; or 43 (b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer or the 44 Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail,



transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered
 personally.

Sec. 11. 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

10 (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period [up 11 to] through the election,

12 [list] *report* each contribution received or made by the committee in

13 excess of \$100 on [a] the form set forth in section 2 of this act

14 provided by the [Secretary of State and] filing officer. 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.

23 3. If a court does not order a special election for the recall of 24 the public officer, the committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 30 days after the court determines that an 25 election will not be held, for the period from the filing of the notice 26 27 of intent to circulate the petition for recall [up to] through the day 28 the court determines that an election will not be held, **[list]** report each contribution received [or] by the committee, and each 29 30 *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 *or transmit* the report by *regular mail*, certified mail [. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing], *facsimile machine or electronic means. A report* shall be deemed [the date of filing.] to be filed with the Secretary of State:

36 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 37 mail; or

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

5. 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.]

6 **Sec. 12.** NRS 294A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 294A.280 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,

a 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

11 circulate the petition for recall [up to] the
12 special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period [up to] through the election,

15 [list] report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100 on [a] the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the [Secretary of State and] filing officer. 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 <u>[up to]</u> through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, <u>[list]</u> 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 or transmit the report to the Secretary of State by regular mail, certified mail [. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing], facsimile machine or electronic

39 *means. A report* shall be deemed [the date of filing.

40 <u>6. The form designed and provided by the Secretary of State</u>

41 for the reporting of expenditures pursuant to this section must be

42 designed to be used by a committee to record in the form of a list

43 each expenditure as it is made.] to be filed with the Secretary of
44 State:



1 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 2 mail; or

3 (b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if 4 the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile 5 machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

Sec. 13. NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows: 6 294A.360 1. Every candidate for city office where the at a 7 8 *primary city election or* general city election *fis preceded by a* 9 primary city election] shall file the reports in the manner required by 10 NRS 294A.120 [, 294A.200 and 294A.350] and 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from 11 January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the 12 previous year. The provisions of this subsection apply to the 13 14 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

18 (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during 19 which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to 20 NRS 294A.160.

21 2. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or 22 general city election, if the general city election for the office for 23 which he is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before 24 the July 1 immediately following that January 1, shall file the 25 reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120 and 294A.200 26 for other offices not later

27 than:

(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

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

2. Every] 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.

42 3. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or

- 43 general city election, if the general city election for the office for
- 44 which he is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the

45 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:*

3 (a) Seven days before the primary city election for that office, 4 for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the 5 primary city election through 12 days before the primary city 6 election; and

7 (b) Seven days before the general city election for that office, 8 for the period from 11 days before the primary city election 9 through 12 days before the general city election.

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.

20 <u>3. The city clerk shall design the form for each report a</u>

21 candidate for city office is required to file pursuant to NRS

22 294A.120 and 294A.200. The form designed and provided by the

23 city clerk for the reporting of campaign contributions and campaign

24 expenses pursuant to this section must be designed to be used to 25 record in the form of a list each campaign contribution as it is made

26 and each campaign expense in excess of \$100 as it is incurred.

27 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.

30 5. Every candidate for city office at a special election to 31 determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall so file 32 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.

41 Sec. 14. NRS 294A.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 294A.362 1. In addition to [filing the forms designed and

43 provided by the Secretary of State] *reporting information* pursuant
 44 to NRS 294A.120, [294A.125 and 294A.200, or the forms designed

44 to INKS 294A.120,  $\frac{294A.120}{1294A.120}$  and  $\frac{294A.200}{1294A.200}$ , of the forms designed 45 and provided by a city clerk pursuant to NRS 294A.360, as



appropriate, 294A.200 and 294A.360, each candidate who is 1 2 required to file a report of campaign contributions and expenses pursuant to NRS 294A.120, [294A.125,] 294A.200 or 294A.360 3 4 shall [file a separate form relating only to] report on the form set 5 forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise 6 7 have been paid. The candidate shall list on the form each such 8 campaign contribution he receives and each expense in excess of 9 \$100 he incurs during the reporting period.

10 2. [The Secretary of State shall design the form described in subsection 1 for each candidate who is required to use the form to 11 file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125 or 294A.200. 12 13 The city clerk shall design the form described in subsection 1 for 14 each candidate who is required to use the form to file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.360. The city clerk shall submit the form to 15 the Secretary of State for approval. The city clerk shall not use such 16 a form until it is approved. The Secretary of State and each city 17 elerk shall design the format of the form described in subsection 1 18 19 so that a candidate who uses the form may record in the form a list 20 of each such campaign contribution as the contribution is received and expense in excess of \$100 as it is incurred. 21 22 -3.] The Secretary of State and each city clerk shall not require a 23 candidate to list the campaign contributions and expenses described 24 in this section on any form other than *[a form designed and provided* 25 pursuant to this section. 26 4. Upon request, the Secretary of State shall provide a copy of 27 the form described in subsection 1 to each candidate who is required 28 to file a report of his campaign contributions and expenses pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125 or 294A.200. Upon request, each city 29 elerk shall provide a copy of the form described in subsection 1 to 30 each candidate who is required to file a report of his campaign 31 32 contributions and expenses pursuant to NRS 294A.360.] the form set forth in section 2 of this act. 33

34 **Sec. 15.** NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 35 294A.365 1. Each report of expenditures required pursuant to NRS 294A.210, 294A.220 and 294A.280 must consist of a list of 36 37 [the expenditures] each expenditure in excess of \$100 that was 38 made during the periods for reporting. Each report of expenses required pursuant to NRS [294A.125 and] 294A.200 must consist of 39 40 a list of each expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the 41 periods for reporting. The list in each report must state the category 42 and amount of the expense or expenditure and the date on which the 43 expense was incurred or the expenditure was made. 44 The categories of expense or expenditure for use on the

45 report of expenses or expenditures are:



1 (a) Office expenses:

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2 (b) Expenses related to volunteers;

3 (c) Expenses related to travel;

4 (d) Expenses related to advertising;

5 (e) Expenses related to paid staff;

6 (f) Expenses related to consultants;

(g) Expenses related to polling;

(h) Expenses related to special events;

9 (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and 10 services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid; and 11

(j) Other miscellaneous expenses.

13 The Secretary of State and each city clerk shall not require a candidate to provide separately the total amount of each category of 14 expenses described in this section.] Each report of expenses or 15 expenditures described in subsection 1 must list the disposition of 16 any unspent campaign contributions using the categories set forth 17 in subsection 2 of NRS 294A.160. 18

Sec. 16. NRS 294A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19

20 294A.380 1. The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate regulations [, prescribe forms in accordance with the 21 provisions of this chapter] and take such other actions as are 22 necessary for the implementation and effective administration of the 23 24 provisions of this chapter.

2. For the purposes of implementing and administering the 25 26 provisions of this chapter regulating committees for political action:

27 (a) The Secretary of State shall, in determining whether an entity 28 or group is a committee for political action, consider a group's or 29 entity's division or separation into units, sections or smaller groups 30 only if it appears that such division or separation was for a purpose 31 other than for avoiding the reporting requirements of this chapter.

32 (b) The Secretary of State shall, in determining whether an 33 entity or group is a committee for political action, disregard any action taken by a group or entity that would otherwise constitute a 34 committee for political action if it appears such action is taken for 35 the purpose of avoiding the reporting requirements of this chapter. 36

37 **Sec. 17.** NRS 294A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 294A.390 The officer from whom a candidate or entity 39 requests a form for:

40 1. A declaration of candidacy; 41

An acceptance of candidacy; 2.

42 3. The registration of a committee for political action pursuant

43 to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer 44 pursuant to NRS 294A.250; or



1 4. The reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or 2 expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, [294A.180,] 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 3 4 or 294A.360, shall furnish the candidate with the necessary forms for reporting 5 and copies of the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State 6 7 pursuant to this chapter. An explanation of the applicable provisions of NRS 294A.100, 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.150, 294A.180, 8 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 9 10 relating to the making, accepting or reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures and the penalties for a 11 violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.100 or 12 13 294A.420 must be [printed on the forms.] developed by the 14 Secretary of State and provided upon request. The candidate or

15 entity shall acknowledge receipt of the material.

Sec. 18. NRS 294A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16 17 294A.420 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a person or entity that is subject to the provisions of NRS 18 19 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, <del>[294A.180,]</del> 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.360 has not 20 filed a report or form for registration pursuant to the applicable 21 22 provisions of those sections, the Secretary of State may, after giving 23 notice to that person or entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to 24 be instituted in the First Judicial District Court.

25 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person or 26 entity that violates an applicable provision of NRS 294A.112, 27 294A.120, 294A.130, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.160, [294A.170, 28 294A.180, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.270, 29 294A.280, 294A.300, 294A.310, 294A.320 or 294A.360 is subject 30 to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and 31 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 32 Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court 33 and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State 34 35 General Fund in the bank designated by the Treasurer.

36 3. If a civil penalty is imposed because a person or entity has 37 reported its contributions, expenses or expenditures after the date 38 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 daythe report is late.

41 (b) If the report is more than 7 days late but not more than 15 42 days late, \$50 for each day the report is late.

43 (c) If the report is more than 15 days late, \$100 for each day the 44 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:

5 (a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has 6 been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the 7 good cause shown; and

8 (b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is 9 available for review by the general public.

10 Sec. 19. Chapter 281 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 11 thereto a new section to read as follows:

12 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a public 13 officer who was appointed to the office for which he is serving is 14 entitled to receive compensation for serving in that office, he shall 15 file with the Commission a statement of financial disclosure, as

16 *follows:* 

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

20 (b) Each public officer appointed to fill an office shall file a 21 statement of financial disclosure on or before January 15 of each 22 year of the term, including the year the term expires.

23 2. If a person is serving in a public office for which he is 24 required to file a statement pursuant to subsection 1, he may use 25 the statement he files for that initial office to satisfy the 26 requirements of subsection 1 for every other public office to which 27 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

41 (a) The name of each public officer who falled 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 1 2 financial disclosure after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before the notice is sent; 3

(c) For the first notice sent after the public officer filed his 4 5 statement of financial disclosure, the name of each public officer who filed his statement of financial disclosure after the deadlines 6 7 set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before the notice is 8 sent: and

9 (d) For each public officer listed in paragraph (c), the date on 10 which the statement of financial disclosure was due and the date on which the public officer filed the statement. 11

5. In addition to the notice provided pursuant to subsection 4, 12 13 the Commission shall notify the Secretary of State of each public 14 officer who files a statement of financial disclosure more than 30 days after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1. The notice must 15 include the information described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of 16 17 subsection 4.

6. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be 18 19 filed with the Commission:

20 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 21 mail: or

22 (b) On the date that it was received by the Commission if the statement was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile 23 24 machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

25 **Sec. 20.** NRS 281.411 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 NRS 281.411 to 281.581, inclusive, and section 19 of 281.411 27 *this act* may be cited as the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. 28

Sec. 21. NRS 281.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, 29 281.501 30 a public officer may vote upon a matter if the benefit or detriment 31 accruing to him as a result of the decision either individually or in a representative capacity as a member of a general business, 32 33 profession, occupation or group is not greater than that accruing to any other member of the general business, profession, occupation or 34 35 group.

2. In addition to the requirements of the code of ethical 36 37 standards, a public officer shall not vote upon or advocate the 38 passage or failure of, but may otherwise participate in the 39 consideration of a matter with respect to which the independence of 40 judgment of a reasonable person in his situation would be materially 41 affected by:

42 (a) His acceptance of a gift or loan;

43 (b) His pecuniary interest; or

44 (c) His commitment in a private capacity to the interests of 45 others.



1 It must be presumed that the independence of judgment of a reasonable person would not be materially affected by his pecuniary 2 interest or his commitment in a private capacity to the interests of 3 others where the resulting benefit or detriment accruing to him or to 4 5 the other persons whose interests to which the member is committed in a private capacity is not greater than that accruing to any other 6 7 member of the general business, profession, occupation or group. 8 The presumption set forth in this subsection does not affect the 9 applicability of the requirements set forth in subsection 3 relating to 10 the disclosure of the pecuniary interest or commitment in a private capacity to the interests of others. 11

12 3. A public officer or employee shall not approve, disapprove, 13 vote, abstain from voting or otherwise act upon any matter:

(a) Regarding which he has accepted a gift or loan;

(b) Which would reasonably be affected by his commitment in aprivate capacity to the interest of others; or

17 (c) In which he has a pecuniary interest,

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without disclosing sufficient information concerning the gift, loan, 18 19 commitment or interest to inform the public of the potential effect of the action or abstention upon the person who provided the gift or 20 21 loan, upon the person to whom he has a commitment, or upon his 22 interest. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, such a disclosure must be made at the time the matter is considered. If the 23 24 officer or employee is a member of a body which makes decisions, 25 he shall make the disclosure in public to the Chairman and other members of the body. If the officer or employee is not a member of 26 27 such a body and holds an appointive office, he shall make the 28 disclosure to the supervisory head of his organization or, if he holds 29 an elective office, to the general public in the area from which he is 30 elected. This subsection does not require a public officer to disclose 31 any campaign contributions that the public officer reported pursuant 32 to NRS 294A.120 [or 294A.125] in a timely manner.

4. If a public officer declares to the body or committee in which the vote is to be taken that he will abstain from voting because of the requirements of this section, the necessary quorum to act upon and the number of votes necessary to act upon the matter, as fixed by any statute, ordinance or rule, is reduced as though the member abstaining were not a member of the body or committee.

5. If a public officer is voting on a matter which affects public employees, he shall make a full public disclosure of any personal pecuniary interest which he may have in the matter.

42 6. After a member of the Legislature makes a disclosure
43 pursuant to subsection 3, he may file with the Director of the
44 Legislative Counsel Bureau a written statement of his disclosure.
45 The written statement must designate the matter to which the



disclosure applies. After a Legislator files a written statement 1 2 pursuant to this subsection, he is not required to disclose orally his interest when the matter is further considered by the Legislature or 3 any committee thereof. A written statement of disclosure is a public 4 record and must be made available for inspection by the public 5 during the regular office hours of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. 6

7 7. The provisions of this section do not, under any 8 circumstances:

9 (a) Prohibit a member of the legislative branch from requesting 10 or introducing a legislative measure; or

(b) Require a member of the legislative branch to take any 11 particular action before or while requesting or introducing a 12 13 legislative measure.

8. As used in this section, "commitment in a private capacity to 14 15 the interests of others" means a commitment to a person:

(a) Who is a member of his household;

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(b) Who is related to him by blood, adoption or marriage within 17 the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; 18

19 (c) Who employs him or a member of his household;

20 (d) With whom he has a substantial and continuing business 21 relationship; or

22 (e) Any other commitment or relationship that is substantially 23 similar to a commitment or relationship described in this subsection. 24

**Sec. 22.** NRS 281.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281.552 1. Every public officer shall acknowledge that he 25 has received, read and understands the statutory ethical standards. 26 27 The acknowledgment must be on a form prescribed by the 28 Commission and must accompany the first statement of financial 29 disclosure that the public officer is required to file with the 30 Commission pursuant to section 19 of this act or the Secretary of 31 State pursuant to NRS 281.561.

32 2. The Commission and the Secretary of State shall retain an 33 acknowledgment filed pursuant to this section for 6 years after the date on which the acknowledgment was filed. 34

35 3. Willful refusal to execute and file the acknowledgment required by this section constitutes nonfeasance in office and is a 36 ground for removal pursuant to NRS 283.440. 37

38 **Sec. 23.** NRS 281.561 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 39 281.561 40 3, if If a candidate for public office will be entitled to receive 41 compensation for serving in the office that he is seeking or a 42 public officer who was elected to the office for which he is serving 43 is entitled to receive compensation for serving in [the office in 44 question,] that office, he shall file with the [Commission,] Secretary 45 of State and with the officer with whom declarations of candidacy



for [the office in question] the office are filed, a statement of 1 2 financial disclosure, as follows: (a) A candidate for nomination, election or reelection to public 3 office shall file a statement of financial disclosure [no later than the 4 10th day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office. 5 (b) A public officer appointed to fill the unexpired term of an 6 elected public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure 7 within 30 days after his appointment. 8 9 (c) Every public officer, whether appointed or elected,] with the officer with whom he files a declaration of candidacy for the office 10 11 at the same time as he files the declaration of candidacy; and (b) Each public officer shall file a statement of financial 12 13 disclosure on or before [March 31] January 15 of each year of the 14 term, including the year the term expires. 15 [(d) A public officer who leaves office on a date other than the expiration of his term or anniversary of his appointment or election, 16 shall file a statement of financial disclosure within 60 days after 17 leaving office. 18 -2. A statement filed pursuant to one of the paragraphs of 19 subsection 1 may be used to satisfy the requirements of another 20 paragraph of subsection 1 if the initial statement was filed not more 21 22 than 3 months before the other statement is required to be filed. 23 -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 24 25 statement he files for that initial office to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for every other public office in which he is also 26 27 serving. 28 4. A person may satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 by 29 filing with the Commission a copy of a statement of financial disclosure that was filed pursuant to the requirements of a 30 specialized or local ethics committee if the form of the statement has 31 32 been approved by the Commission. 5.] 2. A candidate for judicial office or a judicial officer shall 33 file a statement of financial disclosure pursuant to the requirements 34 of Canon 4I of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct. Such a 35 statement of financial disclosure must include, without limitation, 36 37 all information required to be included in a statement of financial 38 disclosure pursuant to NRS 281.571. 3. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be 39 40 filed with the Secretary of State: 41 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified 42 mail; or 43 (b) On the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if 44 the statement was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile 45 machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.



4. The statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this 1 2 section must be filed on the form set forth in section 2 of this act provided by the filing officer. 3 5. A statement of financial disclosure that is mailed or 4 transmitted pursuant to subsection 3 in a timely manner to the 5 wrong filing officer shall be deemed to be timely filed. 6 7 **Sec. 24.** NRS 281.573 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 281.573 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 9 statements of financial disclosure required by the provisions of NRS 281.561 and 281.571 and section 19 of this act must be retained by 10 the Commission, Secretary of State, county clerk and city clerk for 6 11 years after the date of filing. 12 13 2. For public officers who serve more than one term in either 14 the same public office or more than one public office, the period prescribed in subsection 1 begins on the date of the filing of the last 15 statement of financial disclosure for the last public office held. 16 17 **Sec. 25.** NRS 281.575 is hereby amended to read as follows: The Secretary of State and each county or city clerk 18 281.575 19 who receives from a candidate for public office a declaration of 20 candidacy, acceptance of candidacy or certificate of candidacy shall 21 give to the candidate the form [prescribed by the Commission] set 22 forth in section 2 of this act for the making of a statement of financial disclosure, accompanied by instructions on how to 23 complete the form, where it must be filed and the time by which it 24 25 must be filed. 26 **Sec. 26.** NRS 281.581 is hereby amended to read as follows: 27 281.581 1. [A] If the Secretary of State receives information 28 *that a* candidate for public office or public officer [who fails to file] 29 *has not filed* his statement of financial disclosure in a timely manner 30 pursuant to NRS 281.561 or section 19 of this act, the Secretary of 31 State may, after giving notice to that person or entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial 32 33 **District** Court. 34 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a candidate for public office or public officer who fails to file his statement of

35 financial disclosure in a timely manner pursuant to NRS 281.561 36 37 or section 19 of this act is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and 38 attorney's fees. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the] 39 40 The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the 41 name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First 42 Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for 43 credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the 44 State Treasurer.

45 **3.** *The* amount of the civil penalty is:



1 (a) If the statement is filed not more than 7 days late, \$25 for 2 each day the statement is late.

3 (b) If the statement is filed more than 7 days late but not more
4 than 15 days late, [\$175 for the first 7 days, plus] \$50 for each
5 [additional] day the statement is late.

6 (c) If the statement is filed more than 15 days late, [\$575 for the
 7 first 15 days, plus] \$100 for each [additional] day the statement is
 8 late.

9 [2. The Commission may, for]

10 **4.** For good cause shown, the Secretary of State may waive 11 [or reduce the civil penalty.

12 - 3. The civil penalty imposed for a violation of this section must
 13 not exceed the annual compensation for the office for which the
 14 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 in a court of
 competent jurisdiction and deposited by the Commission in the

account for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated
 by the State Treasurer.

5. If the Commission] a civil penalty that would otherwise be
 imposed pursuant to this section. If the Secretary of State waives a
 civil penalty pursuant to [subsection 2, the Commission] 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.

29 **Sec. 27.** NRS 294A.125, 294A.170 and 294A.180 are hereby 30 repealed.

**Sec. 28.** 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 31, 2003.

36 Sec. 29. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2004.



#### **TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

294A.125 Candidate who receives contributions in excess of \$10,000 in year before year of election required to report contributions received and expenditures made before year of election; procedure for reporting; contents of report.

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

(a) The year in which he receives contributions in excess of \$10,000, list each of the contributions that he receives and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year.

(b) Each year after the year in which he received contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year of the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held, list each of the contributions that he received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 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. 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. The report must be filed:

(a) With the officer with whom the candidate will file the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy for the public office the candidate intends to seek. A candidate may mail the report to that officer by certified mail. If certified mail is used, the date of mailing shall be deemed the date of filing.

(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 shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.

294A.170 Candidate to offer to return unspent contributions received before filing of declaration of candidacy for different office; disposition of unreturned contributions. If a candidate for state, district, county, city or township office files a declaration of candidacy for an office which is different from the office which:

1. He previously and publicly intended to seek; or

2. He held immediately preceding his declaration of candidacy, he shall make a reasonable effort to notify the persons who contributed money to his campaign before he filed his declaration of candidacy and return the unspent portion of those contributions if so requested. Any contributions not returned must be used in his campaign or must be disposed of in the manner provided in NRS 294A.160.

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.

