## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 129-ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERTS

## FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing campaign finance. (BDR 24-508)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to elections; revising the thresholds for a committee for political action to open and maintain a separate account in a financial institution and report contributions and expenditures; requiring a committee for political action to report the balance in its bank account at the end of a reporting period; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a committee for political action to open and maintain a separate account in a financial institution located in the United States for the deposit of any contributions received not later than 1 week after receiving contributions the sum of which, in the aggregate, is \$1,000 or more. (NRS 294A.130) Section 4 of this bill requires, instead, that a committee for political action must open and maintain such an account not later than 1 week after receiving contributions the sum of which, in the aggregate, is \$100 or more. This requirement is consistent with the requirement for candidates to open and maintain such an account. (NRS 294A.130)

Under existing law, a committee for political action is required to report: (1) each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during a reporting period; (2) contributions received during a reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000; (3) each expenditure made during a reporting period in excess of \$1,000; and (4) expenditures made during a reporting period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. (NRS 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.210, 294A.220) Sections 2, 3, 6 and 8 of this bill require, instead, a committee for political action report: (1) each contribution in excess of \$100 received during a reporting period; (2) contributions received during a reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100; (3) the total of all contributions received during a reporting period which are \$100 or less; (4) the balance in the committee's account on the ending date of a reporting period; (5) each expenditure made during a reporting period in excess of \$100; (6)





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expenditures made during a reporting period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$100; and (7) the total of all expenditures made during a reporting period which are \$100 or less. (NRS 294A.120, 294A.200) These new reporting thresholds are consistent with the reporting thresholds for candidates. **Sections 5, 7 and 9-12** of this bill make conforming changes to reflect these new reporting requirements for committees for political action.

**Section 13** of this bill specifies that these new requirements: (1) do not apply to any report of contributions or expenditures that is required to be filed by a committee for political action on or before January 15, 2022; and (2) apply to every report of contributions or expenditures that is required to be filed by a committee for political action after January 15, 2022.

## 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. Every committee for political action which receives contributions in excess of \$100 or makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report:
- (a) Each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period;
- (b) Contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100;
- (c) The total of all contributions received during the period which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (b); and
- (d) The balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.
- 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 shall, not later than:
- (a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;
- (b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;
- 26 (c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning 27 July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and
- 28 (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election 29 year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on 30 December 31 of the election year,





report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6 and NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election or for or against a group

of such candidates shall, not later than:

(a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;

(b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election;

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report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 and NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall is filed pursuant to NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;

(b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election;

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(c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,

report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.





Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if a petition 5. for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period. The provisions of this subsection apply to the committee for political action if the petition for recall:

(a) Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter

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(c) Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of

NRS are suspended or discontinued.

6. If the legal sufficiency of a petition for recall is challenged

and a district court determines that the petition is legally:

(a) Sufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS and the order of the district court is appealed, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such a special election shall:

(1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed





through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

(b) Insufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such a special election shall:

(1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the district court orders the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, 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 order, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date of the district court's order through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

7. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements of subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, a committee for political action described in subsection 1 must, not later than January 15 of each year that is not an election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 1 received during the period and the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period. Nothing in this subsection:

(a) Requires the committee for political action to report information that has previously been reported in a timely manner pursuant to subsections 1 to 6, inclusive; or

(b) Authorizes the committee for political action to not comply with any applicable requirement set forth in subsections 1 to 6, inclusive.





8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.

9. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was

received by the Secretary of State.

10. Every committee for political action described in this section shall file a report required by this section even if the committee for political action receives no contributions.

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

the beginning of the current reporting period.

Sec. 3. 1. Every committee for political action which receives contributions in excess of \$100 or makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report:

(a) Each expenditure made during the period in excess of

*\$100*;

(b) Expenditures made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$100; and

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

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 shall, not later than:

(a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;

(b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning

April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;

(c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and

36 (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election 37 year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on 38 December 31 of the election year,

report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during

the period.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6 and NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than:





(a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;

(b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election;

*and* 

(c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,

report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during

the period.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 and NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than:

(a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall is filed pursuant to NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;

(b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election;

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(c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,

report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during

31 the period.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if a petition for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient, report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period. The provisions of this





subsection apply to the committee for political action if the petition for recall:

(a) Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter 306 of NRS;

(b) Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or

(c) Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of

NRS are suspended or discontinued.

6. If the legal sufficiency of a petition for recall is challenged

and a district court determines that the petition is legally:

(a) Sufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS and the order of the district court is appealed, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall:

(1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, report each expenditure described in

subsection 1 made during the period.

(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period.

(b) Insufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS, every committee for political action described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be

recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall:

(1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the district court orders the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, 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 order, report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period.

(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date of the district court's order through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report





each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period.

- 7. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements of subsections 1 to 6, inclusive, a committee for political action described in subsection 1 must, not later than January 15 of each year that is not an election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period. Nothing in this subsection:
- (a) Requires the committee for political action to report information that has previously been reported in a timely manner pursuant to subsections 1 to 6, inclusive; or
- (b) Authorizes the committee for political action to not comply with any applicable requirement set forth in subsections 1 to 6, inclusive.
- 8. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.
- 9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the reports must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.
- 10. If an expenditure is made for or against a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate.
- 11. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State. Every committee for political action described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the committee for political action receives no contributions.
  - **Sec. 4.** NRS 294A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.130 1. Every candidate shall, not later than 1 week after receiving minimum contributions of \$100, open and maintain a separate account in a financial institution located in the United States for the deposit of any contributions received. The candidate shall not commingle the money in the account with money collected for other purposes.
- 2. The candidate may close the separate account if the candidate:
  - (a) Was a candidate in a special election, after that election;
  - (b) Lost in the primary election, after the primary election; or
  - (c) Won the primary election, after the general election,
- → and as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.
- 3. Every committee for political action shall, not later than 1 week after receiving contributions the sum of which, in the aggregate, is \$100 or more, open and maintain a separate account





in a financial institution located in the United States for the deposit of any contributions received. The committee for political action shall not commingle the money in the account with money collected for other purposes.

- 4. Every [committee for political action,] committee sponsored by a political party and committee for the recall of a public officer shall, not later than 1 week after receiving contributions the sum of which, in the aggregate, is \$1,000 or more, open and maintain a separate account in a financial institution located in the United States for the deposit of any contributions received. The committee for political action, committee sponsored by a political party or committee for the recall of a public officer shall not commingle the money in the account with money collected for other purposes.
  - **Sec. 5.** NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.140 1. The provisions of this section apply to:

- (a) Every person who makes an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000; and
- (b) Every [committee for political action,] political party and committee sponsored by a political party which receives contributions in excess of \$1,000 or makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates.
- 2. Every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 3. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 2, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 shall, not later than:
- (a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;
- (b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;
- (c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on December 31 of the election year,
- report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5, 6 and 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, [committee and] political party *and*





**committee** described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than:

- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;
- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,
- report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 6 and 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, [committee and] political party *and committee* described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall is filed pursuant to NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;
- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,
- report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a petition for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other





expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received and contributions received which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, [committee and] political party and committee if the petition for recall:

- (a) Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter 306 of NRS;
- (b) Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or
- (c) Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS are suspended or discontinued.
- 7. If the legal sufficiency of a petition for recall is challenged and a district court determines that the petition is legally:
- (a) Sufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS and the order of the district court is appealed, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such a special election shall:
- (1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (b) Insufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be





recalled or for or against a group of candidates for offices at such a special election shall:

- (1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the district court orders the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, 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 order, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date of the district court's order through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 8. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements of subsections 2 to 7, inclusive, a person, [committee or] political party or committee described in subsection 1 must, not later than January 15 of each year that is not an election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. Nothing in this subsection:
- (a) Requires the person, [committee or] political party or committee to report information that has previously been reported in a timely manner pursuant to subsections 2 to 7, inclusive; or
- (b) Authorizes the person, [committee or] political party or committee to not comply with any applicable requirement set forth in subsections 2 to 7, inclusive.
- 9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.
- 10. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State.
- 11. Every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in this section shall file a report required by this section even if the person, [committee or] political party or committee receives no contributions.
- 12. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$1,000 since the beginning of the current reporting period.





- **Sec. 6.** NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.150 1. Every committee for political action that advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election or general election shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report [each]:
- (a) Each contribution in excess of [\$1,000] \$100 received during that period [and contributions];
- (b) Contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed [\$1,000.] \$100;
- (c) The total of all contributions received during the period which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (b); and
- (d) The balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.
- 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, the committee for political action shall, not later than:
- (a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;
- (b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;
- (c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on December 31 of the election year,
- report each contribution [in excess of \$1,000] described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection I received during the period and [contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.] the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action that advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date that the question qualified for the ballot through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;
- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance





for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and

(c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining

period through the date of the special election,

report each contribution fin excess of \$1,000] described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection I received during the period and feontributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.] the balance in the account maintained by the committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.

- 4. The provisions of this section apply to a committee for political action even if the question or group of questions that the committee for political action advocates the passage or defeat of is removed from the ballot by a court order or otherwise does not appear on the ballot at a primary, general or special election.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the reports required pursuant to this section must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.
- 6. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State.
- 7. If the committee for political action is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition.
  - **Sec. 7.** NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.210 1. The provisions of this section apply to:

- (a) Every person who makes an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000; and
- (b) Every [committee for political action,] political party and committee sponsored by a political party which receives contributions in excess of \$1,000 or makes an expenditure for or against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates.
- 2. Every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, made during the period in excess of \$1,000 and independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 3. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 2, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 shall, not later than:
- (a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;





- (b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;
- (c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on December 31 of the election year,
- report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5, 6 and 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, [committee and] political party *and committee* described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;
- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,
- report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 6 and 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall is filed pursuant to NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;





- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,
- report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a petition 6. for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient, report each of the campaign expenses described in subsection 1 incurred during the period. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, [committee and] political party and *committee* if the petition for recall:
- (a) Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter 306 of NRS:
- (b) Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or
- (c) Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS are suspended or discontinued.
- 7. If the legal sufficiency of a petition for recall is challenged and a district court determines that the petition is legally:
- (a) Sufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS and the order of the district court is appealed, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall:





- (1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date on which the notice of appeal is filed, report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (b) Insufficient pursuant to chapter 306 of NRS, every person, [committee and] political party and committee described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such candidates shall:
- (1) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the district court orders the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, 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 order, report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- (2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, for the period from the day after the date of the district court's order through the date on which all appeals regarding the petition are exhausted, report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent expenditures or expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.
- 8. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements of subsections 2 to 7, inclusive, a person, [committee or] political party or committee described in subsection 1 must, not later than January 15 of each year that is not an election year, for the period beginning January 1 of the previous year and ending on December 31 of the previous year, report each independent





expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, made during the period in excess of \$1,000 and independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. Nothing in this subsection:

- (a) Requires the person, [committee or] political party or committee to report information that has previously been reported in a timely manner pursuant to subsections 2 to 7, inclusive; or
- (b) Authorizes the person, [committee or] political party or committee to not comply with any applicable requirement set forth in subsections 2 to 7, inclusive.
- 9. Independent expenditures and other expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including independent expenditures and other expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.
- 10. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294Å.3737, the reports must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.
- 11. If an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, is made for or against a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate.
- 12. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State. Every person, [committee or] political party or committee described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee or political party receives no contributions.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.220 1. Every committee for political action that advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election or general election shall, not later than January 15 of the election year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report [each]:
- (a) Each expenditure made during the period for or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of [\$1,000 and such] \$100;
- (b) Such expenditures made during the period to one recipient that cumulatively exceed [\$1,000.] \$100; and
- (c) The total of all such expenditures made during the period which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (b).
- 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, the committee for political action shall, not later than:
- (a) April 15 of the election year, for the period beginning January 1 and ending on March 31 of the election year;





- (b) July 15 of the election year, for the period beginning April 1 and ending on June 30 of the election year;
- (c) October 15 of the election year, for the period beginning July 1 and ending on September 30 of the election year; and
- (d) January 15 of the year immediately following the election year, for the period beginning October 1 and ending on December 31 of the election year,
- report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period. [for or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 and such expenditures made during the period to one recipient that eumulatively exceed \$1,000.]
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.223, every committee for political action that advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:
- (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the question qualified for the ballot through 5 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election;
- (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election through 5 days before the special election; and
- (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the date of the special election,
- report each expenditure described in subsection 1 made during the period. [made during the period for or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 and such expenditures made during the period to one recipient that cumulatively exceed \$1,000.]
- 4. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.
- 5. The provisions of this section apply to a committee for political action even if the question or group of questions that the committee for political action advocates the passage or defeat of is removed from the ballot by a court order or otherwise does not appear on the ballot at a primary, general or special election.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, reports required pursuant to this section must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.
- 7. If an expenditure is made for or against a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition.





- 8. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it was received by the Secretary of State.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 294A.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.223 If a special election is held on the same day as a primary election or general election, any candidate, person, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation that is otherwise required to file a report with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220 or 294A.362 , *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, shall, in lieu of complying with the requirements of those sections relating to a special election, comply with the requirements of those sections relating to the primary election or general election, as applicable, except that:

- 1. A candidate, person, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation is not required to file a report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220 or 294A.362, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, that was due on or before the date on which the call for the special election was issued; and
- 2. If the special election is held on the same day as a primary election, the final report for the special election that is required pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220 or 294A.362, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, is due on or before the 15th day of the second month after the primary election.

**Sec. 10.** NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.365 1. Each report required pursuant to NRS 294A.210, 294A.220 and 294A.280, *and section 3 of this act*, must consist of a list of each expenditure in excess of \$100 or \$1,000, as is appropriate, that was made during the periods for reporting. Each report required pursuant to NRS 294A.125 and 294A.200 must consist of a list of each campaign expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the periods for reporting. The list in each report must state the category and amount of the campaign expense or expenditure and the date on which the campaign expense was incurred or the expenditure was made.

- 2. The categories of campaign expense or expenditure for use on the report of campaign expenses or expenditures are:
  - (a) Office expenses;
  - (b) Expenses related to volunteers;
  - (c) Expenses related to travel;
  - (d) Expenses related to advertising;
- (e) Expenses related to paid staff;
  - (f) Expenses related to consultants;
  - (g) Expenses related to polling;





(h) Expenses related to special events;

- (i) Expenses related to a legal defense fund;
- (j) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid;
- (k) Contributions made to another candidate, a nonprofit corporation that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.225, a committee for political action that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.250;
  - (1) Fees for filing declarations of candidacy;
  - (m) Repayments or forgiveness of loans;
- (n) The disposal of unspent contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160; and
  - (o) Other miscellaneous expenses.
- 3. Each report of campaign expenses or expenditures described in subsection 1 must:
- (a) List the disposition of any unspent contributions using the categories set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 294A.160 or subsection 3 of NRS 294A.286, as applicable; and
- (b) For any campaign expense or expenditure that is paid for using a credit card or debit card, itemize each transaction and identify the business or other entity from whom the purchase of the campaign expense or expenditure was made.
- **Sec. 11.** NRS 294A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.390 The officer from whom a candidate or entity requests a form for:
  - 1. A declaration of candidacy;
  - 2. The registration of a nonprofit corporation pursuant to NRS 294A.225, a committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer pursuant to NRS 294A.250; or
- 3. The reporting of the creation of a legal defense fund pursuant to NRS 294A.286,
- → shall furnish the candidate or entity with the necessary forms for reporting and copies of the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter. An explanation of the applicable provisions of NRS 294A.100, 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270 or 294A.280, and sections 2 and 3 of this act, relating to the making, accepting or reporting of contributions, campaign expenses or expenditures and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.100 or 294A.420, and an explanation of NRS 294A.286 and 294A.287 relating to the accepting or reporting of contributions





received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.287 and 294A.420, must be developed by the Secretary of State and provided upon request. The candidate or entity shall acknowledge receipt of the material.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 294A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.420 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation that is subject to the provisions of NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.230, 294A.250, 294A.270, 294A.280 or 294A.286, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, has not filed a report or form for registration pursuant to the applicable provisions of those sections, the Secretary of State may, after giving notice to that candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial District Court.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation that violates an applicable provision of this chapter is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the State Treasurer.
- 3. If a civil penalty is imposed because a candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation has reported its contributions, campaign expenses, independent expenditures or other expenditures after the date the report is due, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amount of the civil penalty is:
- (a) If the report is not more than 7 days late, \$25 for each day the report is late.
- (b) If the report is more than 7 days late but not more than 15 days late, \$50 for each day the report is late.
- (c) If the report is more than 15 days late, \$100 for each day the report is late.
- → A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection against a public officer who by law is not entitled to receive compensation for his or her office or a candidate for such an office must not exceed a total of \$100 if the public officer or candidate received no contributions and made no expenditures during the relevant reporting periods.





- 4. For good cause shown, the Secretary of State may waive a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section.
- 5. When considering whether to waive, pursuant to subsection 4, a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to subsection 3, the Secretary of State may consider, without limitation:
- (a) The seriousness of the violation, including, without limitation, the nature, circumstances and extent of the violation;
- (b) Any history of violations committed by the candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation against whom the civil penalty would otherwise be imposed;
- (c) Any mitigating factor, including, without limitation, whether the candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation against whom the civil penalty would otherwise be imposed reported the violation, corrected the violation in a timely manner, attempted to correct the violation or cooperated with the Secretary of State in resolving the situation that led to the violation:
  - (d) Whether the violation was inadvertent;
- (e) Any knowledge or experience the candidate, person, organization, committee, political party or nonprofit corporation has with the provisions of this chapter; and
- (f) Any other factor that the Secretary of State deems to be relevant.
- 6. If the Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to subsection 4, 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.
- 7. The remedies and penalties provided by this chapter are cumulative, do not abrogate and are in addition to any other remedies and penalties that may exist at law or in equity, including, without limitation, any criminal penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this chapter or NRS 199.120, 199.145 or 239.330.
  - **Sec. 13.** 1. The provisions of this act:
- (a) Do not apply to any report of contributions or expenditures that is required to be filed by a committee for political action on or before January 15, 2022.
- (b) Applies to every report of contributions or expenditures that is required to be filed by a committee for political action after January 15, 2022.





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- (a) "Committee for political action" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 294A.0055.
- (b) "Contribution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 294A.007.
- (c) "Expenditure" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 294A.0075.
- **Sec. 14.** 1. This section and section 13 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
  - 2. Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, of this act becomes effective:
- (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
  - (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.





