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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A MODIFICATION OF DEADLINES IN THE "FAIR  
102 CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT" GOVERNING THE REPORTING OF  
103 BASIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill modifies certain existing statutory deadlines in the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" by which candidate committees, political committees, issue committees, small donor committees, and political parties are required to submit campaign contribution reports to the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

secretary of state concerning contributions received, expenditures made, and obligations into which the committee or party has entered. Specifically, these modifications affect the deadlines for reporting on a quarterly and monthly basis as well as the reporting to be submitted a certain number of days before and after the applicable election. The bill eliminates an existing deadline for reporting in advance of a primary election.

The bill modifies similar requirements that affect campaign finance reporting submitted to the municipal clerk and submitted in connection with a recall election.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 1-45-108 (2) (a) (I), (2) (a) (II), (2.7), and (6),  
3 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **1-45-108. Disclosure - definition.** (2) (a) (I) Except as provided  
5 in subsections (2.5), (2.7), and (6) of this section, such reports that are  
6 required to be filed with the secretary of state shall be filed:

7 (A) Quarterly in off-election years ~~no later than~~ ON the fifteenth  
8 calendar day ~~following~~ AFTER the end of the applicable quarter, AND ON  
9 THE FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF  
10 THE MAJOR ELECTION YEAR;

11 (B) ~~On the first Monday in July and on each Monday every two~~  
12 ~~weeks thereafter before the primary election;~~

13 (C) On the ~~first~~ FIFTH day of each month beginning ~~the sixth full~~  
14 ~~month before~~ ON THE FIFTH DAY OF THE MAY PRECEDING the major  
15 election; except that no monthly report shall be required on the ~~first~~ FIFTH  
16 day of the month in which the major election is held;

17 (D) ~~On the first Monday in September and on each Monday every~~  
18 ~~two weeks thereafter before the major election~~ ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY  
19 BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE  
20 THE MAJOR ELECTION;

1 (E) ~~Thirty~~ THIRTY-FIVE days after the major election in election  
2 years; and

3 (F) Fourteen days before and ~~thirty~~ THIRTY-FIVE days after a  
4 special legislative election held in an off-election year.

5 (II) Such reports that are required to be filed with the municipal  
6 clerk ~~and such reports required to be filed pursuant to section 1-45-109~~  
7 ~~(1) (a) (H) and (1) (c)~~ shall be filed on the twenty-first day and on the  
8 Friday before and thirty days after ~~the primary election, where applicable,~~  
9 ~~and~~ the major election in election years and annually in off-election years  
10 on the first day of the month in which the anniversary of the major  
11 election occurs.

12 (2.7) Any candidate or candidate committee supporting any  
13 candidate, including an incumbent, in a recall election, shall file reports  
14 of contributions and expenditures with the appropriate officer ~~fourteen~~  
15 ~~and seven days~~ ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY AND THE FRIDAY before the  
16 recall election and ~~thirty~~ THIRTY-FIVE days after the recall election.

17 (6) Any issue committee whose purpose is the recall of any  
18 elected official shall register with the appropriate officer within ten  
19 calendar days of accepting or making contributions or expenditures in  
20 excess of two hundred dollars to support or oppose the recall. Reports of  
21 contributions and expenditures shall be filed with the appropriate officer  
22 within fifteen days of the filing of the committee registration and every  
23 thirty days thereafter until the date of the recall election has been  
24 established and then fourteen days and ~~seven days~~ THE FRIDAY before the  
25 recall election and ~~thirty~~ THIRTY-FIVE days following the recall election.

26 **SECTION 2. Specified effective date - applicability.** This act  
27 shall take effect January 1, 2012, and shall apply to the portion of any

1 election cycle or for the portion of the calendar year remaining after said  
2 date, and for any election cycle or calendar year commencing after said  
3 date.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.