

SENATE BILL NO. 179

BY SENATOR REESE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 24-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 51:1909.11, relative to annual filings and reporting requirements
4 by charitable organizations; to provide for legislative approval of certain
5 requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Chapter 24-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
8 comprised of R.S. 51:1909.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **CHAPTER 24-A. ANNUAL FILINGS BY**
10 **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

11 **§1909.11. Charitable organizations; requirements**

12 **A. Absent the showing of a compelling state interest, no state agency or**
13 **state official shall impose any additional annual filing or reporting requirements**
14 **by rule or policy on a charitable organization that are more restrictive than the**
15 **specific requirements for charitable organizations under federal or state law.**

16 **B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any such**
17 **filing or reporting requirement that is more restrictive may be reviewed by the**
18 **Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International**
19 **Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce.**

20 **C. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to the**
21 **state's direct spending programs including state grants and state contracts nor**
22 **to fraud investigations, and shall not restrict enforcement actions against a**
23 **specific nonprofit organization.**

1 **D. For the purposes of this Chapter, "charitable organization" means a**
 2 **person who is or holds himself out to be a benevolent, civic, recreational,**
 3 **educational, voluntary, health, law enforcement, social service, philanthropic,**
 4 **fraternal, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization.**

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____