

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 722

BY SENATOR APPEL

CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Requires that campaign finance disclosure reports be searchable by name of the contributor. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1158(A)(2)(d), relative to the Board of Ethics computerized
3 data management system; to require that campaign finance disclosure reports
4 required to be filed electronically with the board are able to be searched by the public
5 by the names of campaign contributors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1158(A)(2)(d) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §1158. Board of Ethics Computerized Data Management System; purpose; goals

10 A.(1) * * *

11 (2) The following basic specifications shall be designed into the board's
12 computerized data management system:

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14 (d) The system's ~~data base~~ database shall be categorized to provide for
15 citizen's access of all reports filed with the board. **This access shall include, but not**
16 **be limited to, the ability of the public to search by contributor names the**
17 **system's database of campaign finance disclosure reports that are required to**

1 **be filed electronically by R.S. 18:1485 and R.S. 42:1125.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the database of the Board of Ethics' computerized data management system is to be categorized in such a way as to provide for citizens' access of all reports filed with the board.

Proposed law retains present law, and further provides that this access is to include, but not be limited to, the public's ability to search the system's database of campaign finance disclosure reports required to be filed electronically by present law by the names of contributors.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:1158(A)(2)(d))