## SENATE BILL NO. 125-SENATOR KIECKHEFER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing reporting of campaign contributions and expenses. (BDR 24-777)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to elections; revising the dates by which the contributions to or expenses of a campaign must be reported; and providing other matters properly relating thereto

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

Under existing law, a candidate for state, district, county, township or city office, as well as certain persons who make expenditures in support of a candidate or group of candidates, who advocate passage or defeat of a ballot question or who advocate the recall of a public officer, must report certain contributions and expenditures by certain deadlines. (NRS 294A.120, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.360) This bill revises the dates upon which certain reports are required to be made from 7 days before a primary, general or special election to 7 days before the beginning of early voting in a primary, general or special election.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 294A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.120 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a 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.

- 2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election through June 30 of that year,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election,





- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the *beginning of* early voting by personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 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 received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 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 through the special election; or
  - (b) A district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 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.
  - 6. Reports of campaign contributions must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- 41 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; 42 or
  - (b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.





- 7. Every county clerk who receives from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.
- 8. 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 that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 294A.140 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party, committee sponsored by a political party and business entity which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.
- 2. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the





beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the primary election or primary city election;

- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election through June 30 of that year,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity 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 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.
- 4. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting*





by personal appearance for the general election or general city election,

- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person, committee, political party or business entity 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 *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for 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 *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for* the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 6. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall report each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity 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 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 6 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.
- 7. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed with:
- (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; 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 officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (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 officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- 9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.
- 10. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee, political party or business entity receives no contributions.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in 294A.283, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, group of persons or business entity, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during that period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of



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- (1) An election or city election is held for each question for which the person, group of persons or business entity advocates passage or defeat; or
- (2) A person, group of persons or business entity receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election; and
  - (b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).
- 2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the primary election or primary city





election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election; and

- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election through June 30 of that year,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity 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 report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.
- If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the





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- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the general election or general city election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven 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 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 6. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, 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 and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall report each of the contributions received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to





NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity 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 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 6 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.
- 7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:
- (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or
- (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.
- 8. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (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 officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- 9. If the person or group of persons, including a business entity, is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition.
- 10. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.
  - **Sec. 4.** NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.200 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred and each amount in excess of \$100 disposed of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate:





- (a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office; and
- (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.
- 2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election through June 30 of that year,
- report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election through 12 days before the





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report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

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

- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the *beginning of* early voting by personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.
- 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 report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 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 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 6 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.
- 6. Reports of campaign expenses must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (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 officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.





7. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.

**Sec. 5.** NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.210 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for an office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party, committee sponsored by a political party or business entity which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, 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 designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee, political party or business entity beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

- 2. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election or general city election for that



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- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election through the June 30 of that year,
- 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 designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 3. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for 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 designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, committee, political party or business entity 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 *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for 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 *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for* the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special 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 designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 5. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall list each expenditure made on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee, political party or business entity 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 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 6 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.
- 6. 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.
  - 7. The reports must be filed with:
- (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or
- (c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.





- 8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:
- (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 officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- 9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.
- 10. Every person, committee, political party or business entity described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee, political party or business entity receives no contributions.
  - **Sec. 6.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.220 1. Except as otherwise provided in 294A.283, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later 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 previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, group of persons or business entity:
  - (a) Each year in which:
- (1) An election or city election is held for a question for which the person, group of persons or business entity advocates passage or defeat; or
- (2) A person, group of persons or business entity receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election; and



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

2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:

- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the general election or general city election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for 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 against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to



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NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury.

- 3. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person, group of persons or business entity described in this subsection shall, not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary election or primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the general election or general city election,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a





business entity, 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 *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
- report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity under penalty of perjury.
- 5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally, including a business entity, 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 and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall list each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group or business entity 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 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 6 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:





- (a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;
- (b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or
- (c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.
- 8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate filing officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the filing officer:
- (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 if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
- 9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.
  - **Sec. 7.** 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 *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for 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 through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,
- report each contribution received or made by the committee in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. 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, report each contribution received by the committee, and each contribution 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 through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each contribution





received by the committee, and each 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, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with 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 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 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 current reporting period.
- **Sec. 8.** NRS 294A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows: 294A.280 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 *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for 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 through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the election, for the remaining period through the election,
- report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. 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, 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 through the day the court determines that an election will not be held, report each expenditure made by the committee in excess of \$100.





- 4. 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, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with 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 Secretary of State if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 294A.360 1. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year. The provisions of this subsection apply to the 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
- (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.
- 2. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary city election;
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general city election; and
- (c) July 15 of the year of the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* general city election through the June 30 of that year.





- 3. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for the* primary city election; and
- (b) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the general city election for that office, for the period from 11 days before the *beginning of early voting by* personal appearance for the primary city election through 12 days before the *beginning of early voting by personal appearance for* the general city election.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office at a special election shall so file those reports:
- (a) Seven days before the *beginning of early voting by personal* appearance for the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the *beginning of* early voting by personal appearance for the special election; and
- (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election.
- 5. Every candidate for city office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall so file 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 6 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.





