## House Bill 2243

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS; Representative CLEM, Senator JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Requires identification of source of communications made in support of or opposition to candidate or measure.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to campaign finance; and declaring an emergency.
  - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.
  - SECTION 2. (1)(a) A communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is paid for by a candidate or a candidate's principal campaign committee must state the name of the candidate and include a statement of the candidate's support for the communication.
  - (b) A communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is paid for by a political committee other than a principal campaign committee must state the name of the political committee and the name of the officer of record of the political committee, including a statement of the officer's support for the communication.
  - (2) If a person makes an independent expenditure to pay for a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure, the communication must state the name of the person, including a statement of the person's support for the communication. If the person making the independent expenditure is not an individual, the communication must state the name of the individual who is the officer of record for the person, including a statement of the officer's support for the communication.
  - (3) This section does not apply to items of de minimis value relating to a candidate or measure, including lawn signs, pins, pens and other similar items.
  - (4) The Secretary of State, by rule, shall prescribe the form of statements required on communications described in this section.
    - (5) As used in this section:
    - (a) "Clearly identified" has the meaning given that term in ORS 260.005 (10)(b).
  - (b) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure" has the meaning given that term in ORS 260.005 (10)(c).
  - (c) "Officer of record" means the individual who is the highest ranking individual in this state within a committee, corporation, company, organization, association, club, firm, partnership or other entity.
    - SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.
    - SECTION 4. The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative date spec-

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ified in section 3 of this 2015 Act that is necessary to enable the secretary to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2015 Act, all the duties, functions and powers conferred upon the secretary by section 2 of this 2015 Act.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.