

**2014 -- S 2235 AS AMENDED**

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Nesselbush, Gallo, Lynch, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 17-25-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-25 entitled "Rhode  
2 Island Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           **17-25-7. Contents of reports to be filed by treasurers of candidates and committees.**

5    -- (a) Each campaign treasurer of a candidate, each state and municipal committee of a political  
6 party, and each political action committee shall keep accurate records and make a full report,  
7 upon a form prescribed by the board of elections, of all contributions received and expenditures  
8 made by it in excess of a total of one hundred dollars (\$100) from any one source within a  
9 calendar year, in furtherance of the nomination, election, or defeat of any candidate or the  
10 approval or rejection of any question submitted to the voters, or at any financial town meeting,  
11 financial town referendum, or other election at which amendments to a city or town charter are  
12 proposed, during the period from the date of the last report, or in the case of the initial report,  
13 beginning on the date of the appointment of the campaign treasurer for state and municipal  
14 committees and political action committees and on the date a person becomes a "candidate", as  
15 defined in section 17-25-3(2) for individual candidates. The report shall contain the name and  
16 address and place of employment of each person or source from whom the contributions and  
17 expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) were received or made, and the amount  
18 contributed or expended by each person or source. The report shall be filed with the board of  
19 elections on the dates designated in section 17-25-11. The campaign treasurer of the candidate, or

1 committee reporting, shall certify to the correctness of each report. This subsection shall apply to  
2 any entity advocating the approval or rejection of any question presented to voters at any  
3 financial town meeting, which shall file reports of contributions or expenditures every seven (7)  
4 days if the total of the money so expended exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100) in a calendar year,  
5 notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this title.

6 (b) Each state and municipal committee of a political party shall also file with the board  
7 of elections, not later than March 1 of each year, an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all  
8 contributions received and all expenditures made during the previous calendar year, whether or  
9 not these expenditures were made, incurred, or authorized in furtherance of the election or defeat  
10 of any candidate. The treasurer of the committee or organization reporting shall certify to the  
11 correctness of each report.

12 (c) Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall include contributions  
13 received from any "testimonial affair", as defined in section 17-25-3, held since the date of the  
14 most recent report filed.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would require any political party or political action committee which advocates  
2 any question considered at any financial town meeting or at any election at which amendments to  
3 a city or town charter are proposed to file a report with the board of canvassers of all the  
4 contributions it receives and expenditures it makes from any one source in excess of one hundred  
5 dollars (\$100).

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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