

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2148

In lieu of the amendments printed on pages 724 and 725 of the House Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2148 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "section" insert "to chapter 16.1-08.1 and a new section"

Page 1, line 2, after "to" insert "reporting requirements for political committees that organize and register according to federal law and"

Page 1, line 3, after the second comma insert "16.1-08.1-01, 16.1-08.1-02, 16.1-08.1-03, 16.1-08.1-03.2, subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.3, sections 16.1-08.1-06," and after the fifth comma insert "subsection 3 of section 16.1-13-22, sections 16.1-15-01,"

Page 1, line 5, after the second comma insert "campaign contribution statements,"

Page 1, line 6, remove "form of the"

Page 2, after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-01. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise plainly requires:

1. "Association" means any club, association, union, brotherhood, fraternity, organization, or group of any kind of two or more persons, including labor unions, trade associations, professional associations, or governmental associations, which is united for any purpose, business, or object and which assesses any dues, membership fees, or license fees in any amount, or which maintains a treasury fund in any amount. The term does not include corporations, cooperative corporations, limited liability companies, political committees, or political parties.
2. "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for election or election to public office.
3. "Contribution" means a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, made for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to public office or aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure. ~~Contribution~~ The term also means a contract, promise, or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for any of the above purposes, and. The term includes funds received by a candidate for public office or a political party or committee which are transferred or signed over to that candidate, party, or committee from another candidate, party, or political committee or other source except as provided in subdivision d. ~~This definition~~ The term does not include:
 - a. A loan of money from a bank or other lending institution made in the regular course of business.

- b. Time spent by volunteer campaign or political party workers.
 - c. Money spent by a candidate on the candidate's own behalf.
 - d. Any money received ~~from a district or state committee of a political party, as established pursuant to sections 16.1-03-06 and 16.1-03-08, except for contributions reported pursuant to section 16.1-08.1-03 by a candidate for legislative office which is immediately transferred or signed over to a district committee of a political party within thirty days of the candidate receiving the money. The district committee of the political party shall report a transfer of this kind as a contribution according to section 16.1-08.1-03 and shall show the origin of the contribution to the legislative candidate.~~
4. "Cooperative corporations", "corporations", and "limited liability companies" are as defined in this code.
 5. "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or property, except a loan of money from a bank or other lending institution made in the regular course of business, made for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to office. The term also means a contract, promise, or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure and includes the transfer of funds by a political committee to another political committee.
 6. "Patron" means a person who owns equity interest in the form of stock, shares, or membership or maintains similar financial rights in a cooperative corporation.
 7. "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, or other organization or group of persons.
 8. "Political committee" means any committee, club, association, or other group of persons which receives contributions or makes expenditures primarily for political purposes.
 9. "Political party" means any association, committee, or organization which nominates a candidate for election to any office which may be filled by a vote of the electors of this state or any of its political subdivisions and whose name appears on the election ballot as the candidate of such association, committee, or organization.
 10. "Political purpose" means any activity undertaken in support of or in opposition to the election or nomination of a candidate to public office whether the activity is undertaken by a candidate, a political committee, a political party, or any person. The term does not include activities undertaken in the performance of a duty of a state office.
 11. "Public office" means every statewide or legislative office to which persons can be elected by vote of the people under the laws of this state.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-02. Contributions statement required of candidates.

1. Any candidate who is soliciting or accepting contributions for any political purpose shall make and file a statement in accordance with this section.

2. The candidate shall include in the statement the name and mailing address of all contributors who contributed in excess of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars in the aggregate during the reporting period to the candidate, the amount of each reportable contribution, and the date each reportable contribution was received.
3. The candidate shall file the statement in the office of the secretary of state no later than the twelfth day before the date of the election in which the candidate's name appears on the ballot or in which the candidate seeks election through write-in votes complete from the beginning of that calendar year through the twentieth day before the date of the election. The candidate shall file a complete statement for the entire calendar year no later than the thirty-first day of January of the following year, regardless of whether the candidate's name appeared on the ballot for any office during that calendar year or whether the candidate did not seek election at any election through write-in votes.

~~Statements of a legislative candidate must be filed in the office of the county auditor of the candidate's county of residence. Statements of state office candidates must be filed in the office of the secretary of state.~~

4. Even if the candidate has not received any contributions in excess of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars during the ~~calendar year~~ reporting period, the candidate shall file a statement as required by this chapter.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-03. Contributions statement required of political parties.

1. Any political party that receives contributions in excess of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars in the aggregate during the reporting period shall file a statement containing a detailed list of all contributions received from a person or political committee which exceed ~~one~~ two hundred dollars in amount. The statement must include the name and mailing address of all contributors listed, the amount of each reportable contribution, and the date each reportable contribution was received.
2. A yearend statement covering the entire calendar year must be filed with the secretary of state no later than the thirty-first day of January of the following year. A preelection statement must be filed no later than the twelfth day before any election at which the party has endorsed or will nominate a candidate and must be complete from the beginning of that calendar year through the twentieth day before the election.
3. Even if the political party has not received any contributions in excess of two hundred dollars during the reporting period, the political party shall file a statement as required by this chapter.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-03.2. Political committee registration. A political committee, other than a political party and a committee organized in support of a legislative candidate, and a person aiding or opposing a measure to be voted upon by the voters of the state shall register its name, address, and its agent's name and address with the secretary of state each calendar year in which it receives any contribution. The registration must be completed within five days of the receipt of any contribution and must be submitted with a registration fee of five dollars. A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to

a nonfederal candidate seeking public office in this state is not required to register as a political committee according to this section if the political committee reports according to section 8 of this Act.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. All political committees formed for the purpose of administering the segregated fund provided for in this section shall file a statement showing the name and mailing address of each contributor of an amount in excess of two hundred dollars in the aggregate for the reporting period and a listing of all expenditures of an amount in excess of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars in the aggregate made for political purposes with the secretary of state. The statement must include the amount of each reportable contribution and the date it was received and the amount of each reportable expenditure and the date it was made. A yearend statement covering the entire calendar year must be filed no later than the thirty-first day of the following year. A preelection statement must be filed no later than the twelfth day before any primary, special, or general election and must be complete from the beginning of the calendar year through the twentieth day before the election.

SECTION 8. A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Political committees that organize and register according to federal law that make disbursements to nonfederal candidates. A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a nonfederal candidate seeking public office in this state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the disbursement made to the candidate. The political committee shall file a copy of the committee's federal report with the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The report must include:

1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
2. The recipient's name and mailing address; and
3. The date and amount of the disbursement made.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-08.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-08.1-06. Contributions statement requirements.

1. A statement required by this chapter to be filed with the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~ must be:
 - a. Deemed properly filed when deposited in an established post office within the prescribed time, postage affixed, and directed to the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~, but if it is not received, a duplicate of the statement must be promptly filed upon notice by the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~ of its nonreceipt.
 - b. Preserved by the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~ for a period of four years from the date of filing. The statement is to be considered a part of the public records of the secretary of state's ~~or county auditor's~~ office and must be open to public inspection.

2. If the filing date falls on a Saturday or Sunday or a holiday on which the office of the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~ is closed, the statement must be filed on the next available day on which the office of the secretary of state ~~or county auditor~~ is open. In determining the amount of individual contributions from any contributor, all amounts received from the same contributor during the reporting period must be aggregated to report an overall total contribution for the purposes of the statements required by this chapter. Aggregate contributions must reference the date of the most recent contribution. Contributions made separately by different persons from joint accounts are considered separate contributions for reporting purposes."

Page 6, after line 26, insert:

"SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 16.1-13-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. At primary elections, the inspector or judge shall also inform each elector that if the elector splits the party ballot or votes for candidates of more than one party the elector's party ballot will be rejected.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-15-01. Ballots void and not counted - Part of ballot may be counted.

1. In the canvass of the votes at any election, a ballot is void and may not be counted if:
 - ~~4.~~ a. It is not endorsed with the official stamp and initials as provided in this title; or
 - ~~2.~~ b. It is impossible to determine the elector's choice from the ballot or parts of a ballot.
2. If a ballot is marked so only a part of the voter's intention can be determined, the election judges shall count such part. If an elector votes for more than the number of persons to be elected to any office, the elector's ballot may be invalidated only insofar as the elector's vote for such office is concerned, and the balance of the elector's ballot, if otherwise proper, may not be invalidated. However, at primary elections only, a party ballot is void if the elector votes for candidates of more than one party."

Renumber accordingly