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House Bill 1529 House Political Subdivisions Committee Representative Longmuir, Chairman February 9, 2023

Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Rep. Brandon Prichard and I represent District 8 which covers all of Emmons County, rural and suburban portions of Burleigh County, and Wilton which is in McLean County. I am here to testify in support HB 1529 which attempts to place new disclosure requirements for candidates, political committees, and political parties (filers) that are subject to NDCC §§ 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4. When a filer makes an expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate, the filer making the expenditure must disclose the expenditure on the next campaign statement submitted. The aim of this bill is to increase campaign finance transparency which will benefit voters and candidates alike.

HB 1529 seeks to clarify and standardize the complicated expenditure reporting process listed in Attachment A. For candidates, candidate committees, multi-candidate committees, and non-statewide political parties, Section 1 of the bill adds a “contributions” category for expenditures made in support of or opposition to another candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

Section 2 adds the following reporting requirement for this same group of filers:

1. The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the expenditure was intended to support or oppose,
2. The total amount of the expenditure,
3. The date the last expenditure was made, and
4. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

The dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same

Section 3 adds to political action committees and ballot measure committees, the requirements to report:

1. The name of each candidate, political committee, or ballot measures the expenditure was intended to support or oppose, and
2. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

Again, the dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same.

Section 4 splits statewide political parties reporting requirements into a separate section of the Century Code while leaving the reporting requirements the same.

Section 5 appropriates \$20,000 from the general fund to the Secretary of State to facilitate the necessary paperwork and online filing process. This was the estimated requirement from a similar bill in 2021 (HB 1496).

I would like to offer an amendment to do the following:

1. In Section 1, rename the contributions expenditure category to “Direct Campaign Contributions,”
2. In Section 2, clarify that each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the expenditure was intended to support or oppose must be reported,
3. In Section 3, clarify that political action committees and ballot measure committees are the certain political committees referred to in the section title,
4. In Section 3, retain the annual beginning and ending balance reporting requirement,
5. Add a Section 5 for corporations, cooperative corporations, limited liability companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, and associations to report the name of, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition to, a candidate, political committee, or political party,
6. Add a Section 6 for independent expenditure filers to report the name or title of, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to, a candidate or ballot measure, and
7. Move the appropriation section to section 7.

To encourage transparency in the election process, I encourage the Political Subdivisions Committee to recommend a “Do Pass” on HB 1529.

Current Campaign Finance Disclosure Requirements

There are two major sets of requirements under current law for the various filer types in the system called North Dakota Campaign Finance Online (ND CFO):

NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3

- Applies to the following filers:
 - Candidates and candidate committees
 - Multicandidate committees (both for statewide candidates and non-specified)
 - Legislative district political parties
- Requires the disclosure of:
 - Contributions from a contributor totaling more than \$200 in a reporting period:
 - Contributor's name and mailing address
 - Total of contribution(s)
 - Date of last contribution received
 - Total of all contributions from contributors giving less than \$200 in a reporting period:
 - Statewide candidates and statewide multi candidate committees only: the balance of campaign fund at the beginning and end of reporting period
 - Total contributions from a contributor greater than \$500 in the 39 days before an election
 - Contributor's name and mailing address
 - Total received from a contributor during the 39 days that is greater than \$500
 - Date of last contribution received
 - Year-end statement only, totals of expenditures in the following categories:
 - Advertising
 - Campaign loan repayment
 - Operations
 - Travel
 - Miscellaneous
 - Except for judicial, county, and city candidates – Contributions greater than \$5,000:
 - Contributor's occupation
 - Employer
 - Employer's principal place of business
- Reporting periods for disclosure statements:
 - Pre- Primary – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
 - Pre-General – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
 - 48-Hour – within 48 hours of receiving contribution greater than \$500 in the 39 days before election
 - Year-End – January 1 - December 31

NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.4

- Applies to:
 - State political parties
 - Political action committees
 - Measure committees
- All the same requirements listed above except for:
 - Disclosing expenditures on every statement greater than \$200:
 - Recipient name and mailing address
 - Total of expenditure(s) made to recipient in reporting period
 - Date of last expenditure
 - Total of all expenditures less than \$200 during the reporting period
 - No year-end totals for expenditure categories
 - For measure committees, contribution and expenditure reporting threshold is \$100

North Dakota Rural Voters

Independent Expenditure Filer

Registration Date: 10/3/2022
Reporting Year: 2022

Type Independent Expenditure Filer

Organization Information

Organization Name North Dakota Rural Voters
Organization Acronym NDRV
Organization Telephone (406) 869-1926
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Independent Expenditures

| Date Filed | Statement total of IE made | YTD total of IE made |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 10/13/22 | \$37,579.20 | \$37,579.20 |

Selected Statement Details

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| Independent Expenditure | Date Filed | Statement total of IE made | YTD total of IE made |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | 10/13/22 | \$37,579.20 | \$37,579.20 |

Expenditures

Indicates an amended transaction. Click to view the original transaction.

| Name | Address | Date | Amount | Stance | Measure/Petition Name | Date on Ballot | Supports or Opposes - Candidate, Political Party or Political Committee | Amended Date |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|--------------|
| KMHA Radio 91.3 | 601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763 | 10/12/22 | \$3,910.00 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile | |
| MHA Times | 601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763 | 10/03/22 | \$676.00 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile | |
| New Town News | PO Box 730 New Town, ND 58763 | 10/03/22 | \$1,600.00 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile | |
| Petel & Co. | 1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, ND 20009 | 10/10/22 | \$6,350.76 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile | |
| Petel & Co. | 1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009 | 10/10/22 | \$12,253.92 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Kathy Hogan | |
| Petel & Co. | 1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009 | 10/10/22 | \$12,788.52 | No - Not Related to a Measure | | | Supports Ruth Buffalo & Sonja Kaye | |

HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, Bahl, Hoverson, J. Johnson, Koppelman, McLeod, Vetter

Senators Barta, Braunberger, Estenson, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to statewide political party campaign finance disclosures; to amend and
3 reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01-~~and~~, sections 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4,
4 subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5, and section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code, relating to reporting of expenditures for political purposes; to provide a penalty; and to
6 provide an appropriation.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be
11 grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:
- 12 a. Advertising;
 - 13 b. Campaign loan repayment;
 - 14 c. ~~Contributions~~Direct campaign contributions;
 - 15 d. Operations;
 - 16 d.e. Travel; and
 - 17 e.f. Miscellaneous.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **16.1-08.1-02.3. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**
21 **statement requirements for candidates, candidate committees, multicandidate**
22 **committees, and nonstatewide political parties.**

- 23 1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a
24 candidate or candidate committee formed on behalf of the candidate, a multicandidate

1 political committee, or a political party other than a statewide political party soliciting or
2 accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all
3 contributions received from January first through the fortieth day before the election.

4 The statement also must include each aggregated expenditure over two hundred
5 dollars made in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot
6 measure from January first through the fortieth day before the election. A candidate
7 whose name is not on the ballot and who is not seeking election through write-in
8 votes, the candidate's candidate committee, and a political party that has not endorsed
9 or nominated any candidate in the election is not required to file a statement under this
10 subsection. The statement may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day
11 before the election. The statement must include:

12 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~
13 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
15 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
16 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

17 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~
18 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

19 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
20 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~

21 d. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a
22 statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of
23 the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and the balance of the
24 campaign fund on January first; and

25 e. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
26 political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars
27 expended during the reporting period:

- 28 (1) The name of ~~the~~each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the
29 expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
30 (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
31 (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and

1 (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the
2 candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

3 2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
4 election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
5 statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
6 contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of~~more
7 than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in
8 support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot measure which
9 is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:

- 10 a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor or for an
11 expenditure, the name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure
12 the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
13 b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the
14 reporting period; ~~and~~
15 c. ~~The~~For the contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for
16 an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
17 d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in
18 opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

19 3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a candidate or candidate committee, a multicandidate
20 political committee, or a nonstatewide political party soliciting or accepting
21 contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions
22 received and expenditures, ~~by expenditure category,~~ made from January first through
23 December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be submitted for filing
24 beginning on January first. The statement must include:

- 25 a. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a
26 statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of
27 the campaign fund on January first and on December thirty-first;
28 b. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~
29 ofmore than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
30 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
31 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

- 1 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 2 c. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~
- 3 ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 4 d. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
- 5 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~
- 6 e. The total of all other expenditures made during the previous year, separated into
- 7 expenditure categories; and
- 8 f. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 9 political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars
- 10 expended during the reporting period:
- 11 (1) The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the
- 12 expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13 (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
- 14 (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and
- 15 (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the
- 16 candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 17 4. A person required to file a statement under this section, other than a candidate for
- 18 judicial office, county office, or city office, or a candidate committee for a candidate
- 19 exempted under this subsection, shall report each aggregated contribution from a
- 20 contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the reporting period. For
- 21 these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's
- 22 occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 23 5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a
- 24 candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.
- 25 6. A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county
- 26 office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for
- 27 city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate
- 28 committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other
- 29 person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the
- 30 secretary of state.

1 7. The filing officer shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing
2 deadline.

3 8. To ensure accurate reporting and avoid commingling of campaign and personal funds,
4 candidates shall use dedicated campaign accounts that are separate from any
5 personal accounts.

6 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **16.1-08.1-02.4. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**
9 **statement requirements for ~~statewide political parties and certain political committees.~~**

10 1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a
11 ~~statewide political party or a political~~ action committee ~~not required to file statements~~
12 ~~under section 16.1-08.1-02.3 which is~~ or measure committee soliciting or accepting
13 contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions
14 received and expenditures made from January first through the fortieth day before the
15 election. ~~A political party that has not endorsed or nominated a candidate in an~~
16 ~~election is not required to file a statement under this subsection.~~ A statement required
17 to be filed under this subsection may be submitted for filing beginning on the
18 thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement must include:

19 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~
20 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 21 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
22 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
23 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

24 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess~~
25 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

26 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
27 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

28 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~ more than
29 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 30 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;
31 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~

- 1 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and
- 2 (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 3 ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot
- 4 measure, or political committee, and whether the expenditure was made in
- 5 support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political
- 6 committee;
- 7 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~
- 8 than two hundred dollars;
- 9 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
- 10 dollars or less; and
- 11 g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and
- 12 balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 13 2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
- 14 election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
- 15 statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
- 16 contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of more~~
- 17 than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in
- 18 support of or in opposition to a candidate, ballot measure, or political committee which
- 19 is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 20 a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor, or for an
- 21 expenditure, the name of the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee
- 22 the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 23 b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the
- 24 reporting period; ~~and~~
- 25 c. ~~The~~For a contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for
- 26 an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 27 d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in
- 28 opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee.
- 29 3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a statewide political party or a political committee that is
- 30 not required to file a statement under section 16.1-08.1-2.3 shall file a campaign
- 31 disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made

- 1 from January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement
2 may be submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 3 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~
4 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 5 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
6 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
7 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 8 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~
9 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 10 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
11 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 12 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of more than~~
13 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;
15 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~
16 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and
17 (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
18 ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot
19 measure, or political committee and whether the expenditure was made in
20 support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political
21 committee;
- 22 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~
23 ~~than~~ two hundred dollars; ~~and~~
- 24 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
25 dollars or less; ~~and~~
- 26 g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 27 4. A person required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each aggregated
28 contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the
29 reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include
30 the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 31 5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.

1 6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing
2 deadline.

3 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure statement**
6 **requirements for statewide political parties.**

- 7 1. Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a statewide
8 political party soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure
9 statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from
10 January first through the fortieth day before the election. A political party that has not
11 endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not required to file a statement
12 under this subsection. A statement required to be filed under this subsection may be
13 submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement
14 must include:
- 15 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than
16 two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 17 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
18 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
19 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 20 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than
21 two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 22 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed
23 two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 24 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds of more than
25 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 26 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;
27 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and
28 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;
- 29 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than
30 two hundred dollars;

- 1 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
2 dollars or less; and
- 3 g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and
4 balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 5 2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
6 election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
7 statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
8 contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is more than five
9 hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10 a. The name and mailing address of the contributor;
11 b. The total amount of the contribution received during the reporting period; and
12 c. The date the last contributed amount was received.
- 13 3. Before February first, a statewide political party shall file a campaign disclosure
14 statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from
15 January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be
16 submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 17 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than
18 two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 19 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
20 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
21 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 22 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than
23 two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 24 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed
25 two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 26 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds more than
27 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 28 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;
29 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and
30 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

- 1 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than
2 two hundred dollars;
- 3 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
4 dollars or less; and
- 5 g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 6 4. A political party required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each
7 aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more
8 during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement
9 must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal
10 place of business.
- 11 5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.
- 12 6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing
13 deadline.

14 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5 of the North Dakota
15 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 16 3. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or
17 association may make an expenditure to a measure committee as described in section
18 16.1-08.1-01 for the purpose of promoting the passage or defeat of an initiated or
19 referred measure or petition or make an expenditure to any other person that makes
20 an independent expenditure. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability
21 company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an independent expenditure
22 for a political purpose, including political advertising in support of or opposition to a
23 candidate, political committee, or a political party, or for the purpose of promoting
24 passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures or petitions. The corporation,
25 cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association
26 shall file a statement disclosing any expenditure made under this subsection with the
27 secretary of state within forty-eight hours after making the expenditure. The statement
28 must include:
- 29 a. The full name of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability
30 company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;

- 1 b. The complete address of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability
2 company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;
- 3 c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
- 4 d. If the expenditure is ~~related~~made in support of or opposition to a measure or
5 petition, the title of the measure or petition and whether the expenditure is made
6 in support of or opposition to the measure or petition;
- 7 e. If the expenditure is related to a measure, the election date on which the
8 measure either will appear or did appear on the ballot;
- 9 f. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate, political
10 committee, or a political party, the name of the candidate, political committee, or
11 political party, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition
12 to the candidate, political committee, or political party;
- 13 g. The amount of the expenditure;
- 14 ~~g-h.~~ The cumulative total amount of expenditures since the beginning of the calendar
15 year which are required to be reported under this subsection;
- 16 ~~h-i.~~ The telephone number and the printed name and signature of the individual
17 completing the statement, attesting to the statement being true, complete, and
18 correct; and
- 19 ~~i-j.~~ The date on which the statement was signed.

20 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **16.1-08.1-03.7. Political committees that organize and register according to federal**
23 **law that make independent expenditures or disbursements to nonfederal candidates,**
24 **political parties, and political committees.**

25 A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes an
26 independent expenditure or makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a
27 nonfederal candidate seeking public office or to a political party or political committee in this
28 state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the independent
29 expenditure or the disbursement made. The political committee shall file a copy of the
30 committee's federal report, and supplementary information as necessary under this section, with

1 the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The
2 report and supplementary information must include:

- 3 1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
- 4 2. The recipient's name and mailing address;
- 5 3. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure,
6 the name or title of the candidate or ballot measure, and whether the expenditure is
7 made in support of or in opposition to the candidate or ballot measure;
- 8 4. The date and amount of the independent expenditure or disbursement; and
- 9 4.5. The ultimate and true source of funds listed by contributor and subcontributor of any
10 amount over two hundred dollars collected or used to make the independent
11 expenditure or disbursement including:
 - 12 a. The name and address of the contributor;
 - 13 b. The total amount of the contribution; and
 - 14 c. The date the last contribution was received.

15 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - SYSTEM UPGRADES.** There
16 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
17 appropriated, the sum of \$20,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the secretary
18 of state for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the necessary system upgrades
19 required by this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.