

SENATE BILL No. 429

By Committee on Local Government

2-1

1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; requiring electronic filing of
2 reports for state offices; amending K.S.A. 25-4148 and repealing the
3 existing section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
7 4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this section.
8 ~~Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than~~
9 ~~officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both with the office~~
10 ~~of the secretary of state.~~

11 *(1) Before January 1, 2026, reports filed by treasurers for*
12 *candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a statewide*
13 *basis, shall be filed with the office of the secretary of state.* Reports filed
14 by treasurers for candidates for ~~state-wide~~ *state statewide* office shall be
15 filed electronically ~~and only~~ with the secretary of state. ~~Any candidate for~~
16 ~~state office may request an exemption from the electronic filing~~
17 ~~requirement, and the governmental ethics commission executive director~~
18 ~~may grant an exemption for cause.~~

19 *(2) On and after January 1, 2026, reports filed by treasurers for all*
20 *candidates for state office shall be filed electronically with the secretary*
21 *of state in a form as prescribed by the secretary of state. Any candidate*
22 *for state office may request an exemption from the electronic filing*
23 *requirement, and the governmental ethics commission executive director*
24 *may grant an exemption for cause.*

25 *(3)* Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be
26 filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the
27 name of the candidate is on the ballot.

28 *(b)* Except as otherwise provided by subsection ~~(h)~~ *(i)*, all such
29 reports *as provided by subsection (a)* shall be filed in time to be received
30 in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

31 (1) The ~~eightth~~ *8th* day preceding the primary election, which report
32 shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the
33 office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary
34 election, inclusive;

35 (2) the ~~eightth~~ *8th* day preceding a general election, which report shall
36 be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending

1 12 days before the general election, inclusive;

2 (3) ***the Tuesday following the second Monday in*** January–10 of the
3 year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning
4 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;
5 *or*

6 (4) for any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be
7 filed on the next ***Tuesday following the second Monday in*** January–10 for
8 the preceding calendar year;

9 ~~(5)~~ A treasurer shall file only the annual report required by ~~subsection~~
10 *paragraph* (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a
11 primary or general election.

12 ~~(b)~~(c) Each report required by this section shall state:

13 (1) Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;

14 (2) the name and address of each person who has made one or more
15 contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 during the
16 election period together with the amount and date of such contributions,
17 including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser
18 when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;

19 (3) the aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of
20 political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins,
21 buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;

22 (4) the aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and
23 address of the contributor is not known;

24 (5) each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise
25 listed;

26 (6) the total of all receipts;

27 (7) the name and address of each person to whom expenditures have
28 been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50, with the
29 amount, date, and purpose of each; the names and addresses of all persons
30 to whom any loan or advance has been made; when an expenditure is
31 made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or
32 political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such
33 expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the
34 amount, date and purpose of the payments to each;

35 (8) the name and address of each person from whom an in-kind
36 contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided
37 without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party
38 committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of \$100
39 and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), and the amount, date
40 and purpose of the contribution;

41 (9) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under this
42 section; and

43 (10) the total of expenditures.

1 ~~(e)~~**(d)** In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every
2 treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report the
3 following:

4 (1) (A) The name and address of each candidate for state or local
5 office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution has
6 been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess
7 of \$300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report shall show
8 in detail the specific service or product provided; and

9 (B) the name and address of each candidate for state or local office
10 who is the subject of an expenditure ~~which~~ *that*:

11 (i) Is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or
12 candidate committee;

13 (ii) expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such
14 candidate; and

15 (iii) is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of
16 \$300.

17 (2) The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the
18 expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall show
19 in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting
20 requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other
21 requirements required by this section.

22 ~~(d)~~**(e)** Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall
23 itemize the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a
24 person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate amount
25 or value in excess of \$50 per event, or who purchases such a ticket or
26 admission at a cost exceeding \$25 per ticket or admission. All other
27 purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be reported
28 in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the limitations specified
29 in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.

30 ~~(e)~~**(f)** If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is
31 required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the
32 full name of the organization with which the political committee is
33 connected or affiliated or, a description of the connection to or affiliation
34 with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or affiliated
35 with any one organization, the report shall state the trade, profession or
36 primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of
37 purpose of such organization.

38 ~~(f)~~**(g)** The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended
39 report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer
40 contains material errors or omissions. The notice of the errors or omissions
41 shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within
42 30 days after notice by the commission.

43 ~~(g)~~**(h)** The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for

1 any period for which the required report is not on file. The notice of the
2 failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed
3 within five days after notice by the commission.

4 ~~(h)~~(i) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to
5 subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by
6 convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by
7 the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the
8 convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.

9 ~~(i)~~(j) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the
10 day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

11 ~~(j)~~(k) Any report required by this section may be signed by the
12 candidate in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the
13 candidate's committee.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-4148 is hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.