

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2158** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee of the Whole amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-213.

(a) At all national and state primary elections, the national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the county and township offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county and township offices.

(b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following heading:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

\_\_\_\_\_ Party

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the square to the left.

The words national and state or the words county and township shall appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to law for political parties having primary

elections, and for the national and state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States representative from \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of insurance, senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, representative \_\_\_\_\_ district, district judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and member state board of education \_\_\_\_\_ district. For county and township offices the form shall be followed by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to law for political parties having primary elections in the following order: Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district, county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer, township clerk. When any office is not to be elected, it shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed, shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a statement of the number to vote for.

To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name shall be printed more

than once on either the official primary election ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere on ~~such~~ the ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on ~~such~~ the county and township ballot except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

(d) No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-in votes. As a result of a primary election, no person shall receive the nomination and no person's name shall be printed on the official general election ballot when no nomination petitions or declarations were filed, unless the person receives votes equal in number to not less than 5% of the total of the current voter registration designated in the state, county or district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that a candidate for township office may receive the nomination and have such

person's name printed on the ballot where no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if such candidate receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to obtain more than 5,000 votes.

(e) The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall develop the official ballot for municipal elections in odd-numbered year elections.

(f) A person who won the primary election as a result of the person's name being written in on the primary ballot shall have such person's name printed on the official general election ballot for national, state, county, township or municipal office, unless the person notifies, in writing, the secretary of state for national or state office or the county election office for all other offices within 10 days following the canvass of the primary election that the person does not want such person's name on the official general election ballot."

On page 11, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 10. K.S.A. 25-4144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4144. Not later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, every candidate shall appoint a treasurer or in lieu thereof shall appoint a candidate committee. The treasurer so appointed may be the candidate making such appointment. No candidate shall appoint more than one candidate committee to exist at the same time. If a candidate appoints a candidate committee, such candidate shall appoint a chairperson and a treasurer thereof, and the treasurer so appointed may be the candidate. No person who is registered as a lobbyist in accordance with K.S.A. 46-265, and amendments thereto, shall be eligible for appointment as treasurer for any candidate or candidate committee. The name and address and email address, which such email address shall be optional, of each treasurer and chairperson appointed under this section by a candidate for a state office shall be

reported to the secretary of state by the candidate not later than 10 days after such appointment. The name ~~and~~ address and email address, which such email address shall be optional, of each treasurer and chairperson appointed under this section by a candidate for a local office shall be reported to the county election officer by the candidate not later than 10 days after such appointment. The candidate for governor shall carry out the requirements and responsibilities of the candidate under the campaign finance act, for the pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, unless another specific provision applies.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4145. (a) Each party committee and each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures shall appoint a chairperson and a treasurer. The chairperson of each party committee and each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for state office shall make a statement of organization and file it with the secretary of state not later than 10 days after establishment of such committee. The chairperson of each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures for any candidate for local office, shall make a statement of organization and file it with the county election officer not later than 10 days after establishment of such committee.

(b) Every statement of organization shall include:

(1) The name and address of the committee. The name of the committee shall reflect the full name of the organization with which the committee is connected or affiliated or sufficiently describe such affiliation. If the political committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the name shall reflect the trade, profession or primary interest of the committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization;

(2) the names ~~and~~, addresses and email addresses, which such email addresses shall be optional, of the chairperson and treasurer of the committee;

(3) the names and addresses of affiliated or connected organizations; and

(4) in the case of a political committee, the full name of the organization with which the committee is connected or affiliated or, name or description sufficiently describing the affiliation or, if the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the trade, profession or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.

(c) Any change in information previously reported in a statement of organization shall be reported on a supplemental statement of organization and filed not later than 10 days following the change.

(d) (1) Each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions shall register annually with the commission on or before July 1 of each year. Each political committee registration shall be in the form and contain such information as may be required by the commission.

(2) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of \$2,501 or more in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$300.

(3) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of more than \$500 but less than \$2,501 in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$50.

(4) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt of \$500 or less in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$25.

(5) Any political committee which is currently registered under subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$2,500 for a calendar year, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed such amount, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee for such year equal to the difference between \$300 and the amount of the fee that accompanied the current registration.

(6) Any political committee which is currently registered under subsection (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$500 but which are less than \$2,501, shall file, within three days of the date when contributions exceed \$500, an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee of \$25 for such year.

(e) All such fees received by or for the commission shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4148b is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148b.

(a) Every treasurer for a candidate for state or local office shall file reports of campaign contributions as prescribed by this act. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office; ~~other than officers elected on a state-wide basis,~~ shall be filed in ~~both~~ the office of the secretary of state ~~and in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the candidate is a resident.~~ Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state-wide office shall be filed only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Reports required by this section shall be in addition to any other reports required by

law.

(b) The report shall contain the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value of \$300 or more during the period commencing 11 days before a primary or general election at which a state or local officer is to be elected and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the date of election. The report shall be made on or before the close of business on the Thursday preceding the date of the election. The report shall contain the amount and date of the contribution, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when the contribution is in the form of an advance or loan.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed by hand delivery, express delivery service, facsimile transmission or any electronic method authorized by the secretary of state.

(d) (1) "Local office" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

(2) "State office" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.";

Also on page 11, in line 14, by striking "and" and inserting a comma; in line 15, after "25-2701" by inserting "and 25-4144"; also in line 15, after "Supp." by inserting "25-213,"; also in line 15, by striking the second "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 15, after "25-3107" by inserting ", 25-4145 and 25-4148b";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "dealing with" and inserting "relating to"; in line 2, after the semicolon by inserting "write in candidates; candidate and political committee reports to the secretary of state; email addresses; reports of contributions preceding an election; filing location requirements;"; in line 3, by striking the first "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 3, after the second "and" by inserting "25-4144 and"; also in line 3, after "Supp." by inserting "25-213,"; also in line 3, by striking the third "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 3, after "25-3107" by inserting ", 25-4145 and 25-4148b";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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Conferees on part of Senate

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