

SENATE BILL No. 96

By Committee on Elections and Local Government

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AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to an exemption from filing certain reports; amending K.S.A. 25-4144 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4144. *(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), 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 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 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.*

(b) Whenever a candidate for state office does not anticipate or expect to receive or expend an aggregate amount of less than \$500, exclusive of any filing fees, in a primary or general election, such candidate may file an affidavit attesting to that fact with the governmental ethics commission. The affidavit shall be on a form prescribed by the governmental ethics commission. By filing such affidavit, the candidate shall not be required to appoint a treasurer or campaign committee as required by subsection (a) or perform any duties imposed by law on such treasurer or campaign committee unless such candidate receives or expends a sum of \$500 or

1 *more. Such affidavit shall be filed no later than 10 days prior to such*
2 *primary or general election.*

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-4144 is hereby repealed.

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

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