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HOUSE BILL NO. 1177

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds, Anderson, Cronin, Duvall, Gosch, Schoenbeck, and Wink and Senators Rusch, Brown, Hunhoff (Bernie), and Lederman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to remove certain exceptions to campaign finance report
2 filings.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-27 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The treasurer of a candidate campaign committee whose name is not on the general election
7 ballot shall file a campaign finance disclosure statement with the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m.
8 on the second Friday of August following the primary election. The treasurer shall file an
9 additional campaign finance disclosure statement by 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of February
10 if the candidate campaign committee account was not closed following the August report. A
11 violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

12 Section 2. That § 12-27-22 be amended to read as follows:

13 12-27-22. A campaign finance disclosure statement shall be filed with the secretary of state
14 by the treasurer of every:

15 (1) Candidate or candidate campaign committee for any statewide or legislative office;



- 1 (2) Political action committee;
- 2 (3) Political party; and
- 3 (4) Ballot question committee.

4 The statement shall be signed and filed by the treasurer of the political committee or
5 political party. The statement shall be received by the secretary of state and filed by 5:00 p.m.
6 ~~each February first~~ on the first Monday of February and shall cover the contributions and
7 expenditures for the preceding calendar year. The statement shall also be received by the
8 secretary of state and filed by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday prior to each primary and general
9 election complete through the fifteenth day prior to that election. If a candidate is seeking
10 nomination at the biennial state convention, the candidate or the candidate campaign committee
11 shall file a campaign finance disclosure statement with the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the
12 second Friday prior to any biennial state convention. Any statement filed pursuant to this section
13 shall be consecutive and shall cover contributions and expenditures since the last statement
14 filed.

15 The following are not required to file a campaign finance disclosure statement:

- 16 (1) A candidate campaign committee for legislative or county office on February first
17 following a year in which there is not an election for the office;
- 18 (2) A county, local, or auxiliary committee of any political party, qualified to participate
19 in a primary or general election, prior to a statewide primary election;
- 20 (3) A legislative or county candidate campaign committee without opposition in a
21 primary election, prior to a primary election; and
- 22 (4) ~~A candidate campaign committee whose name is not on the general election ballot,~~
23 ~~prior to the general election; and~~
- 24 ~~(5) A political committee that regularly files a campaign finance disclosure statement~~

1 with another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report of contributions
2 and expenditures with the Internal Revenue Service.

3 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.