

AMENDMENTS TO LB 79

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 28-915.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 28-915.01 (1) A person who makes a false statement under
6 oath or equivalent affirmation, or swears or affirms the truth of
7 such a statement previously made, when he or she does not believe
8 the statement to be true, is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor if the
9 falsification:

10 (a) Occurs in an official proceeding; or

11 (b) Is intended to mislead a public servant in performing
12 his or her official function.

13 (2) A person who makes a false statement under oath or
14 equivalent affirmation, or swears or affirms the truth of such a
15 statement previously made, when he or she does not believe the
16 statement to be true, is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor if the
17 statement is one which is required by law to be sworn or affirmed
18 before a notary or other person authorized to administer oaths.

19 (3) Subsections (4) through (7) of section 28-915 shall
20 apply to subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

21 (4) This section shall not apply to reports, statements,
22 affidavits, or other documents made or filed pursuant to ~~the~~
23 ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~ ~~of~~ the Nebraska Political

1 Accountability and Disclosure Act.

2 Sec. 2. Section 49-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 49-1413 (1) Committee shall mean (a) any combination
5 of two or more individuals which receives contributions or makes
6 expenditures of ~~over~~ five thousand dollars or more in a calendar
7 year for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the
8 action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of
9 one or more candidates or the qualification, passage, or defeat
10 of one or more ballot questions or (b) a person whose primary
11 purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures and
12 who receives or makes contributions or expenditures of ~~over~~ five
13 thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for the purpose of
14 influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for
15 or against the nomination or election of one or more candidates
16 or the qualification, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot
17 questions, except that an individual, other than a candidate, shall
18 not constitute a committee.

19 (2) Except as otherwise provided in section 49-1445,
20 a committee shall be considered formed and subject to the
21 Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act upon raising,
22 receiving, or spending ~~over~~ the five thousand dollars in a calendar
23 year ~~referred to~~ as prescribed in this section.

24 (3) A corporation, labor organization, ~~or~~ industry,
25 trade, or professional association, limited liability company,
26 or limited liability partnership is not a committee if it makes
27 expenditures or provides personal services pursuant to sections

1 49-1469 to 49-1469.08.

2 Sec. 3. Section 49-1415, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 49-1415 (1) Contribution shall mean a payment, gift,
5 subscription, assessment, expenditure, contract, payment for
6 services, dues, advance, forbearance, loan, donation, pledge or
7 promise of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value to
8 a person, made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or
9 election of a candidate, or for the qualification, passage, or
10 defeat of a ballot question. An offer or tender of a contribution
11 is not a contribution if expressly and unconditionally rejected or
12 returned.

13 (2) Contribution shall include the purchase of tickets
14 or payment of an attendance fee for events such as dinners,
15 luncheons, rallies, testimonials, and similar fundraising events;
16 an individual's own money or property other than the individual's
17 homestead used on behalf of that individual's candidacy; and the
18 granting of discounts or rebates by broadcast media and newspapers
19 not extended on an equal basis to all candidates for the same
20 office.

21 (3) Contribution shall not include:

22 (a) Volunteer personal services provided without
23 compensation, or payments of costs incurred of ~~less than~~ two
24 hundred fifty dollars or less in a calendar year by an individual
25 for personal travel expenses if the costs are voluntarily incurred
26 without any understanding or agreement that the costs shall be,
27 directly or indirectly, repaid;

1 (b) Amounts received pursuant to a pledge or promise
2 to the extent that the amounts were previously reported as a
3 contribution; or

4 (c) Food and beverages, ~~not to exceed~~ in the amount of
5 fifty dollars or less in value during a calendar year, which are
6 donated by an individual and for which reimbursement is not given.

7 Sec. 4. Section 49-1433.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 49-1433.01 Major out-of-state contributor means a
10 corporation, union, industry association, trade association, or
11 professional association which is not organized under the laws of
12 the State of Nebraska and which makes contributions or expenditures
13 totaling ~~more than~~ ten thousand dollars or more in any calendar
14 year in connection with one or more elections.

15 Sec. 5. Section 49-1445, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 49-1445 (1) A candidate shall form a candidate committee
18 upon raising, receiving, or expending ~~more than~~ five thousand
19 dollars or more in a calendar year.

20 (2) A candidate committee may consist of one member with
21 the candidate being the member.

22 (3) A person who is a candidate for more than one office
23 shall form a candidate committee for an office upon raising,
24 receiving, or expending ~~more than~~ five thousand dollars or more in
25 a calendar year for that office.

26 (4) Two or more candidates who campaign as a slate
27 or team for public office shall form a committee upon raising,

1 receiving, or expending jointly in any combination ~~more than~~ five
2 thousand dollars or more in a calendar year.

3 (5) The fee to file for office shall not be included in
4 determining if a candidate has raised, received, or expended ~~more~~
5 ~~than~~ five thousand dollars or more in a calendar year.

6 (6) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
7 of a Class IV misdemeanor.

8 Sec. 6. Section 49-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 49-1446 (1) Each committee shall have a treasurer who is
11 a qualified elector of this state. A candidate may appoint himself
12 or herself as the candidate committee treasurer.

13 (2) ~~Except for funds received as provided in the Campaign~~
14 ~~Finance Limitation Act,~~ each Each committee shall designate one
15 account in a financial institution in this state as an official
16 depository for the purpose of depositing all contributions which it
17 receives in the form of or which are converted to money, checks,
18 or other negotiable instruments and for the purpose of making all
19 expenditures. Secondary depositories shall be used for the sole
20 purpose of depositing contributions and promptly transferring the
21 deposits to the committee's official depository.

22 (3) No contribution shall be accepted and no expenditure
23 shall be made by a committee which has not filed a statement
24 of organization and which does not have a treasurer. When the
25 office of treasurer in a candidate committee is vacant, the
26 candidate shall be the treasurer until the candidate appoints a new
27 treasurer.

1 (4) No expenditure shall be made by a committee without
2 the authorization of the treasurer or the assistant treasurer. The
3 contributions received or expenditures made by a candidate or an
4 agent of a candidate shall be considered received or made by the
5 candidate committee.

6 (5) Contributions received by an individual acting in
7 behalf of a committee shall be reported promptly to the committee's
8 treasurer not later than five days before the closing date of
9 any campaign statement required to be filed by the committee and
10 shall be reported to the committee treasurer immediately if the
11 contribution is received less than five days before the closing
12 date.

13 (6) A contribution shall be considered received by a
14 committee when it is received by the committee treasurer or a
15 designated agent of the committee treasurer notwithstanding the
16 fact that the contribution is not deposited in the official
17 depository by the reporting deadline.

18 (7) Contributions received by a committee shall not be
19 commingled with any funds of an agent of the committee or of
20 any other person except for funds received or disbursed by a
21 separate segregated political fund for the purpose of supporting
22 or opposing candidates and committees in elections in states other
23 than Nebraska and candidates for federal office, as provided in
24 section 49-1469.06, including independent expenditures made in such
25 elections.

26 (8) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
27 of a Class IV misdemeanor.

1 Sec. 7. Section 49-1446.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 49-1446.04 (1) A candidate committee shall not accept
4 more than fifteen thousand dollars in loans prior to or during the
5 first thirty days after formation of the candidate committee.

6 (2) After the thirty-day period and until the end of
7 the term of the office to which the candidate sought nomination
8 or election, the candidate committee shall not accept loans, ~~other~~
9 ~~than loans allowed under subsection (2) of section 32-1608.03,~~ in
10 an aggregate amount of more than fifty percent of the contributions
11 of money, other than the proceeds of loans, which the candidate
12 committee has received during such period as of the date of the
13 receipt of the proceeds of the loan. Any loans which have been
14 repaid as of such date shall not be taken into account for purposes
15 of the aggregate loan limit.

16 (3) A candidate committee shall not pay interest, fees,
17 gratuities, or other sums in consideration of a loan, advance,
18 or other extension of credit to the candidate committee by the
19 candidate, a member of the candidate's immediate family, or any
20 business with which the candidate is associated.

21 (4) The penalty for violation of this section shall be a
22 civil penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not
23 more than the amount of money received by a candidate committee in
24 violation of this section if the candidate committee received more
25 than two hundred fifty dollars. The commission shall assess and
26 collect the civil penalty and shall remit the penalty to the State
27 Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section

1 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

2 Sec. 8. Section 49-1447, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 49-1447 (1) The committee treasurer shall keep detailed
5 accounts, records, bills, and receipts necessary to substantiate
6 the information contained in a statement or report filed pursuant
7 to sections 49-1445 to 49-1479.02 or rules and regulations adopted
8 and promulgated under the Nebraska Political Accountability and
9 Disclosure Act.

10 (2) (a) For any committee other than a candidate
11 committee, the committee treasurer shall be responsible for filing
12 all statements and reports of the committee required to be filed
13 under the act and shall be personally liable subject to section
14 49-1461.01 for any late filing fees, civil penalties, and interest
15 that may be due under the act as a result of a failure to make
16 such filings.

17 (b) For candidate committees, the candidate shall be
18 responsible for filing all statements and reports required to
19 be filed by his or her candidate committee under the Nebraska
20 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, ~~or the Campaign~~
21 ~~Finance Limitation Act.~~ The candidate shall be personally liable
22 for any late filing fees, civil penalties, and interest that may
23 be due under ~~either~~ the act as a result of a failure to make such
24 filings and may use funds of the candidate committee to pay such
25 fees, penalties, and interest.

26 (3) The committee treasurer shall record the name and
27 address of each person from whom a contribution is received except

1 for contributions of fifty dollars or less received pursuant to
2 subsection (2) of section 49-1472.

3 (4) The records of a committee shall be preserved for
4 five years and shall be made available for inspection as authorized
5 by the commission.

6 (5) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of
7 a Class III misdemeanor.

8 Sec. 9. Section 49-1455, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 49-1455 (1) The campaign statement of a committee, other
11 than a political party committee, shall contain the following
12 information:

13 (a) The filing committee's name, address, and telephone
14 number and the full name, residential and business addresses, and
15 telephone numbers of its committee treasurer;

16 (b) Under the heading RECEIPTS, the total amount of
17 contributions received during the period covered by the campaign
18 statement; under the heading EXPENDITURES, the total amount of
19 expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign
20 statement; and the cumulative amount of those totals for the
21 election period. If a loan was repaid during the period covered
22 by the campaign statement, the amount of the repayment shall
23 be subtracted from the total amount of contributions received.
24 Forgiveness of a loan shall not be included in the totals. Payment
25 of a loan by a third party shall be recorded and reported as a
26 contribution by the third party but shall not be included in the
27 totals. In-kind contributions or expenditures shall be listed at

1 fair market value and shall be reported as both contributions and
2 expenditures;

3 (c) The balance of cash and cash equivalents on hand at
4 the beginning and the end of the period covered by the campaign
5 statement;

6 (d) The full name of each individual from whom
7 contributions totaling ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or more
8 are received during the period covered by the report, together with
9 the individual's street address, the amount contributed, the date
10 on which each contribution was received, and the cumulative amount
11 contributed by that individual for the election period;

12 (e) The full name of each person, except those
13 individuals reported under subdivision (1)(d) of this section,
14 which contributed a total of ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars
15 or more during the period covered by the report together with
16 the person's street address, the amount contributed, the date on
17 which each contribution was received, and the cumulative amount
18 contributed by the person for the election period;

19 (f) The name of each committee which is listed as
20 a contributor shall include the full name of the committee's
21 treasurer;

22 (g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of
23 this section: The full name and street address of each person to
24 whom expenditures totaling ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or
25 more were made, together with the date and amount of each separate
26 expenditure to each such person during the period covered by the
27 campaign statement; the purpose of the expenditure; and the full

1 name and street address of the person providing the consideration
2 for which any expenditure was made if different from the payee;

3 (h) The amount and the date of expenditures for or
4 against a candidate or ballot question during the period covered
5 by the campaign statement and the cumulative amount of expenditures
6 for or against that candidate or ballot question for the election
7 period. An expenditure made in support of more than one candidate
8 or ballot question, or both, shall be apportioned reasonably among
9 the candidates or ballot questions, or both; and

10 (i) The total amount of funds disbursed by a separate
11 segregated political fund, by state, for the purpose of supporting
12 or opposing candidates and committees in elections in states
13 other than Nebraska and candidates for federal office, including
14 independent expenditures made in such elections.

15 (2) For purposes of this section, election period means
16 ~~(a) the period beginning January 1 of the calendar year prior~~
17 ~~to the year of the election in which the candidate is seeking~~
18 ~~office through the end of the calendar year of such election for~~
19 ~~candidate committees of candidates seeking covered elective offices~~
20 ~~as defined in subdivision (1)(a) of section 32-1603, (b) the period~~
21 ~~beginning July 1 of the calendar year prior to the year of the~~
22 ~~election in which the candidate is seeking office through the end~~
23 ~~of the calendar year of such election for candidate committees~~
24 ~~of candidates seeking covered elective offices so defined in~~
25 ~~subdivision (1)(b) of section 32-1603, and (c) the calendar year of~~
26 ~~the election, for all other committees.~~

27 (3) A campaign statement shall include the total amount

1 paid to individual petition circulators during the reporting
2 period, if any, but shall not include the name, address, or
3 telephone number of any individual petition circulator if the only
4 payment made to such individual was for services as a petition
5 circulator.

6 Sec. 10. Section 49-1456, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 49-1456 (1) Any income received by a committee on an
9 account consisting of funds or property belonging to the committee
10 shall not be considered a contribution to the committee but shall
11 be reported as income. Any interest paid by a committee shall be
12 reported as an expenditure.

13 (2) A loan made or received shall be set forth in a
14 separate schedule providing the date and amount of the loan and, if
15 the loan is repaid, the date and manner of repayment. The committee
16 shall provide the name and address of the lender and any person
17 who is liable directly, indirectly, or contingently on each loan of
18 ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or more.

19 Sec. 11. Section 49-1457, Reissue Revised Statutes of
20 Nebraska, is amended to read:

21 49-1457 (1) The campaign statement filed by a political
22 party committee shall contain the following information:

23 (a) The full name and street address of each person from
24 whom contributions totaling ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or
25 more in value are received in a calendar year, the amount, and the
26 date or dates contributed; and if the person is a committee, the
27 name and address of the committee and the full name and street

1 address of the committee treasurer, together with the amount of the
2 contribution and the date received;

3 (b) An itemized list of all expenditures, including
4 in-kind contributions and expenditures and loans, made during the
5 period covered by the campaign statement which were contributions
6 to a candidate committee of a candidate for elective office or a
7 ballot question committee; or independent expenditures in support
8 of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question,
9 or in support of the nomination or election of a candidate for
10 elective office or the defeat of any of the candidate's opponents;

11 (c) The total expenditure by the committee for each
12 candidate for elective office or ballot question in whose behalf an
13 independent expenditure was made or a contribution was given for
14 the election; and

15 (d) The filer's name, address, and telephone number, if
16 any, and the full name, residential and business addresses, and
17 telephone numbers of the committee treasurer.

18 (2) A contribution to a candidate or ballot question
19 committee listed under subdivision (1)(b) of this section shall
20 note the name and address of the committee, the name of the
21 candidate and the office sought, if any, the amount contributed,
22 and the date of the contribution.

23 (3) An independent expenditure listed under subdivision
24 (1)(b) of this section shall note the name of the candidate for
25 whose benefit the expenditure was made and the office sought by
26 the candidate, or a brief description of the ballot question for
27 which the expenditure was made, the amount, date, and purpose of

1 the expenditure, and the full name and address of the person to
2 whom the expenditure was made.

3 (4) An expenditure listed which was made in support of
4 more than one candidate or ballot question, or both, shall be
5 apportioned reasonably among the candidates or ballot questions, or
6 both.

7 Sec. 12. Section 49-1459, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 49-1459 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
10 section, campaign statements as required by the Nebraska Political
11 Accountability and Disclosure Act shall be filed according to the
12 following schedule:

13 (a) A first preelection campaign statement shall be filed
14 not later than the thirtieth day before the election. The closing
15 date for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall be
16 the thirty-fifth day before the election;

17 (b) A second preelection campaign statement shall be
18 filed not later than the tenth day before the election. The closing
19 date for a campaign statement filed under this subdivision shall be
20 the fifteenth day before the election; and

21 (c) A postelection campaign statement shall be filed not
22 later than the fortieth day following the primary election and the
23 seventieth day following the general election. The closing date
24 for a ~~postprimary election~~ postelection campaign statement to be
25 filed under this subdivision after the primary election shall be
26 the thirty-fifth day following the election. The closing date for
27 a ~~postgeneral election~~ postelection campaign statement to be filed

1 under this subdivision after the general election shall be December
2 31 of the year in which the election is held. If all liabilities
3 of a candidate and committee are paid before the closing date and
4 additional contributions are not expected, the campaign statement
5 may be filed at any time after the election, but not later than the
6 dates provided under this subdivision.

7 (2) Any committee may file a statement ~~in writing~~ with
8 the commission indicating that the committee does not expect
9 to receive contributions or make expenditures of more than one
10 thousand dollars in the calendar year of an election. Such ~~written~~
11 statement shall be signed by the committee treasurer or the
12 assistant treasurer, and in the case of a candidate committee,
13 it shall also be signed by the candidate. Such ~~written~~ statement
14 shall be filed on or before the thirtieth day before the election.
15 A committee which files a ~~written~~ statement pursuant to this
16 subsection is not required to file campaign statements according to
17 the schedule prescribed in subsection (1) of this section but shall
18 file a sworn statement of exemption not later than the fortieth day
19 following the primary election and the seventieth day following the
20 general election stating only that the committee did not, in fact,
21 receive or expend an amount in excess of one thousand dollars.
22 If the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures of
23 more than one thousand dollars during the election year, the
24 committee is then subject to all campaign filing requirements under
25 subsection (1) of this section.

26 Sec. 13. Section 49-1461.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 49-1461.01 (1) A ballot question committee shall file
2 with the commission a surety bond running in favor of the State
3 of Nebraska with surety by a corporate bonding company authorized
4 to do business in this state and conditioned upon the payment of
5 all fees, penalties, and interest which may be imposed under the
6 Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

7 (2) A bond in the amount of five thousand dollars shall
8 be filed with the commission within thirty days after the committee
9 receives contributions or makes expenditures ~~in excess~~ of one
10 hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, and the amount
11 of the bond shall be increased by five thousand dollars for each
12 additional five hundred thousand dollars received or expended in a
13 calendar year.

14 (3) Proof of any required increase in the amount of
15 the bond shall be filed with the commission within thirty days
16 after each additional five hundred thousand dollars is received or
17 expended. Any failure to pay late filing fees, civil penalties, or
18 interest due under the act shall be recovered from the proceeds of
19 the bond prior to recovery from the treasurer of the committee.

20 (4) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of
21 a Class III misdemeanor.

22 Sec. 14. Section 49-1463, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 49-1463 (1) Any person who fails to file a campaign
25 statement with the commission under sections 49-1459 to 49-1463
26 shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of twenty-five
27 dollars for each day the campaign statement remains not filed

1 in violation of this section, not to exceed seven hundred fifty
2 dollars. In addition, if a candidate who files an affidavit under
3 subdivision (5)(a) of section 32-1604 fails to file a campaign
4 statement as required by sections 49-1459 to 49-1463 within the
5 prescribed time resulting in any abiding candidate not receiving
6 public funds as described in subsection (6) of section 32-1604 or
7 resulting in a delay in the receipt of such funds, the commission
8 shall assess a civil penalty of not less than two thousand dollars
9 and not more than three times (a) the amount of public funds
10 the abiding candidate received after the delay or (b) the amount
11 of public funds the abiding candidate would have received if the
12 campaign statement had been filed within the prescribed time.

13 (2) Any committee which fails to file a statement of
14 exemption with the commission under subsection (2) of section
15 49-1459 shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of
16 twenty-five dollars for each day the statement of exemption remains
17 not filed in violation of this section, not to exceed two hundred
18 twenty-five dollars.

19 Sec. 15. Section 49-1463.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
20 Nebraska, is amended to read:

21 49-1463.01 (1) A person required to pay a late filing
22 fee imposed under section 32-1604, 32-1604.01, 32-1606.01, 49-1449,
23 49-1458, 49-1463, 49-1467, 49-1469.08, 49-1478.01, or 49-1479.01
24 may apply to the commission for relief. The commission by order may
25 reduce the amount of a late filing fee imposed and waive any or
26 all of the interest due on the fee upon a showing by such person
27 that (a) the circumstances indicate no intent to file late, (b) the

1 person has not been required to pay late filing fees for two years
2 prior to the time the filing was due, (c) the late filing shows
3 that ~~less than~~ five thousand dollars or less was raised, received,
4 or expended during the reporting period, and (d) a reduction of the
5 late fees and waiver of interest would not frustrate the purposes
6 of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

7 (2) A person required to pay a late filing fee imposed
8 for failure to file a statement of exemption under subsection (2)
9 of section 49-1459 may apply to the commission for relief. The
10 commission by order may reduce or waive the late filing fee and
11 waive any or all of the interest due on the fee, and the person
12 shall not be required to make a showing as provided by subsection
13 (1) of this section.

14 Sec. 16. Section 49-1464, Reissue Revised Statutes of
15 Nebraska, is amended to read:

16 49-1464 The campaign statement of any committee,
17 including a candidate committee, a ballot question committee, or
18 a political party committee, shall be filed with the commission.
19 ~~The commission shall make all campaign statements available to the~~
20 ~~public on its web site as soon as practicable. A campaign statement~~
21 ~~shall be available on the web site for the duration of the election~~
22 ~~period for which the statement is filed and for an additional six~~
23 ~~months thereafter.~~

24 Sec. 17. Section 49-1467, Reissue Revised Statutes of
25 Nebraska, is amended to read:

26 49-1467 (1) Any person, other than a committee, who makes
27 an independent expenditure advocating the election of a candidate

1 or the defeat of a candidate's opponents or the qualification,
2 passage, or defeat of a ballot question, which is in an amount of
3 ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or more, shall file a report of
4 the independent expenditure, within ten days, with the commission.

5 (2) The report shall be made on an independent
6 expenditure report form provided by the commission and shall
7 include the date of the expenditure, a brief description of the
8 nature of the expenditure, the amount of the expenditure, the
9 name and address of the person to whom it was paid, the name and
10 address of the person filing the report, and the name, address,
11 occupation, employer, and principal place of business of each
12 person who contributed ~~more than~~ two hundred fifty dollars or more
13 to the expenditure.

14 ~~(3) The commission shall make all independent expenditure~~
15 ~~reports available to the public on its web site as soon as~~
16 ~~practicable. An independent expenditure report shall be available~~
17 ~~on the web site for the duration of the election period for which~~
18 ~~the report is filed and for an additional six months thereafter.~~

19 ~~(4)~~ (3) Any person who fails to file a report of an
20 independent expenditure with the commission shall pay to the
21 commission a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars for each day
22 the statement remains not filed in violation of this section, not
23 to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

24 ~~(5)~~ (4) Any person who violates this section shall be
25 guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

26 Sec. 18. Section 49-1469, Reissue Revised Statutes of
27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 49-1469 (1) A corporation, labor organization, ~~or~~
2 industry, trade, or professional association, limited liability
3 company, or limited liability partnership, which is organized under
4 the laws of the State of Nebraska or doing business in this state
5 and which is not a committee, may:

- 6 (a) Make an expenditure;
7 (b) Make a contribution; and
8 (c) Provide personal services.

9 (2) ~~Such a corporation, labor organization, or industry,~~
10 ~~trade, or professional association~~ Any such entity shall not be
11 required to file reports of independent expenditures pursuant to
12 section 49-1467, but if it makes a contribution or expenditure, or
13 provides personal services, with a value of ~~more than~~ two hundred
14 fifty dollars or more, it shall file a report with the commission
15 within ten days after the end of the calendar month in which the
16 contribution or expenditure is made or the personal services are
17 provided. The report shall include:

18 (a) The nature, date, and value of the contribution
19 or expenditure and the name of the candidate or committee or a
20 description of the ballot question to or for which the contribution
21 or expenditure was made; and

22 (b) A description of any personal services provided, the
23 date the services were provided, and the name of the candidate or
24 committee or a description of the ballot question to or for which
25 the personal services were provided.

26 (3) A ~~corporation, labor organization, or industry,~~
27 ~~trade, or professional association~~ Any entity specified in

1 subsection (1) of this section may not receive contributions unless
2 it establishes and administers a separate segregated political fund
3 which shall be utilized only in the manner set forth in sections
4 49-1469.05 and 49-1469.06.

5 Sec. 19. Section 49-1469.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, is amended to read:

7 49-1469.05 (1) ~~A corporation, labor organization, or~~
8 ~~industry, trade, or professional association~~ An entity specified in
9 subsection (1) of section 49-1469 which establishes and administers
10 a separate segregated political fund:

11 (a) Shall not make an expenditure to such fund, except
12 that it may make expenditures and provide personal services for
13 the establishment and administration of such separate segregated
14 political fund; and

15 (b) Shall file the reports required by subsection (2) of
16 section 49-1469 with respect to the expenditures made or personal
17 services provided for the establishment and administration of such
18 fund but need not file such reports for the expenditures made from
19 such fund.

20 (2) If a corporation makes an expenditure to a separate
21 segregated political fund which is established and administered by
22 an industry, trade, or professional association, limited liability
23 company, or limited liability partnership of which such corporation
24 is a member, such corporation shall not be required to file the
25 reports required by subsection (2) of section 49-1469.

26 Sec. 20. Section 49-1469.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of
27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 49-1469.06 (1) All contributions to and expenditures
2 from a separate segregated political fund shall be limited to
3 money or anything of ascertainable value obtained through the
4 voluntary contributions of the employees, officers, directors,
5 stockholders, or members of the corporation, including a
6 nonprofit corporation, labor organization, ~~or~~ industry, trade, or
7 professional association, limited liability company, or limited
8 liability partnership, and the affiliates thereof, under which such
9 fund was established.

10 (2) No contribution or expenditure shall be received or
11 made from such fund if obtained or made by using or threatening to
12 use job discrimination or financial reprisals.

13 (3) Only expenditures to candidates and committees and
14 independent expenditures may be made from a fund established
15 by a ~~corporation, labor organization, or industry, trade, or~~
16 ~~professional organization,~~ an entity specified in subsection
17 (1) of section 49-1469. Such separate segregated political fund
18 may receive and disburse funds for the purpose of supporting
19 or opposing candidates and committees in elections in states
20 other than Nebraska and candidates for federal office and making
21 independent expenditures in such elections if such receipts
22 and disbursements are made in conformity with the solicitation
23 provisions of this section and the ~~corporation, labor organization,~~
24 ~~or industry, trade, or professional association~~ entity which
25 establishes and administers such fund complies with the laws of the
26 jurisdiction in which such receipts or disbursements are made.

27 (4) The expenses for establishment and administration

1 of a separate segregated political fund of a ~~corporation, labor~~
2 ~~organization, or industry, trade, or professional association~~ any
3 such entity may be paid from the separate segregated political fund
4 of such ~~corporation, labor organization, or industry, trade, or~~
5 ~~professional association, entity.~~

6 Sec. 21. Section 49-1469.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 49-1469.07 A separate segregated political fund is hereby
9 declared to be an independent committee and subject to all of the
10 provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure
11 Act applicable to independent committees, and the ~~corporation,~~
12 ~~labor organization, or industry, trade, or professional association~~
13 entity which establishes and administers such fund shall make the
14 reports and filings required therefor.

15 Sec. 22. Section 49-1469.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 49-1469.08 (1) Any ~~corporation, labor organization, or~~
18 ~~industry, trade, or professional association~~ entity specified in
19 subsection (1) of section 49-1469 which fails to file a report with
20 the commission required by section 49-1469 or 49-1469.07 shall pay
21 to the commission a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars for each
22 day the statement remains not filed in violation of such sections,
23 not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

24 (2) Any person who knowingly violates this section,
25 section 49-1469, 49-1469.05, 49-1469.06, or 49-1469.07 shall be
26 guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

27 Sec. 23. Section 49-1477, Reissue Revised Statutes of

1 Nebraska, is amended to read:

2 49-1477 No person shall receive a contribution from
3 a person other than a committee unless, for purposes of the
4 recipient person's record-keeping and reporting requirements, the
5 contribution is accompanied by the name and address of each person
6 who contributed ~~more than~~ one hundred dollars or more to the
7 contribution. Any person violating the provisions of this section
8 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

9 Sec. 24. Section 49-1479.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, is amended to read:

11 49-1479.02 (1) A major out-of-state contributor shall
12 file with the commission an out-of-state contribution report.
13 An out-of-state contribution report shall be filed on a form
14 prescribed by the commission within ten days after the end of
15 the calendar month in which a person becomes a major out-of-state
16 contributor. For the remainder of the calendar year, a major
17 out-of-state contributor shall file an out-of-state contribution
18 report with the commission within ten days after the end of each
19 calendar month in which the contributor makes a contribution or
20 expenditure.

21 (2) An out-of-state contribution report shall disclose as
22 to each contribution or expenditure not previously reported (a) the
23 amount, nature, value, and date of the contribution or expenditure,
24 (b) the name and address of the committee, candidate, or person
25 who received the contribution or expenditure, (c) the name and
26 address of the person filing the report, and (d) the name, address,
27 occupation, and employer of each person making a contribution of

1 ~~more than~~ two hundred dollars or more in the calendar year to the
2 person filing the report.

3 (3) This section shall not apply to (a) a person who
4 files a report of a contribution or an expenditure pursuant to
5 subsection (2) of section 49-1469, (b) a person required to file
6 a report or campaign statement pursuant to section 49-1469.07,
7 (c) a committee having a statement of organization on file with
8 the commission, or (d) a person or committee registered with the
9 Federal Election Commission.

10 (4) Any person who fails to file an out-of-state
11 contribution report with the commission as required by this section
12 shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of one hundred
13 dollars for each of the first ten days the report remains not filed
14 in violation of this section. After the tenth day, such person
15 shall pay, for each day the report remains not filed, an additional
16 late filing fee of one percent of the amount of the contributions
17 or expenditures which were required to be reported, not to exceed
18 ten percent of the amount of the contributions or expenditures
19 which were required to be reported.

20 Sec. 25. Section 49-1488.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
21 Nebraska, is amended to read:

22 49-1488.01 (1) Every lobbyist who fails to file a
23 quarterly statement or a statement of activity with the Clerk
24 of the Legislature, pursuant to sections 49-1483 and 49-1488, shall
25 pay to the commission a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars
26 for each day any of such statements are not filed in violation of
27 such sections, but not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars per

1 statement.

2 (2) A lobbyist required to pay a late filing fee pursuant
3 to subsection (1) of this section may apply to the commission
4 for relief. The commission by order may reduce the amount of the
5 late filing fee imposed upon such lobbyist if he or she shows the
6 commission that (a) the circumstances indicate no intent to file
7 late, (b) the lobbyist has not been required to pay a late filing
8 fee for two years prior to the time the filing of the statement was
9 due, (c) the late filing of the statement shows that ~~less than~~ five
10 thousand dollars or less was raised, received, or expended during
11 the reporting period, and (d) a reduction of the late fee would not
12 frustrate the purposes of the Nebraska Political Accountability and
13 Disclosure Act.

14 (3) A lobbyist required to pay a late filing fee pursuant
15 to subsection (1) of this section who qualifies for an exemption
16 to the filing of quarterly statements pursuant to subsection (5)
17 of section 49-1483 may apply to the commission for relief. The
18 commission by order may reduce or waive the late filing fee and
19 the person shall not be required to make a showing as provided by
20 subsection (2) of this section.

21 Sec. 26. Section 49-14,122, Reissue Revised Statutes of
22 Nebraska, is amended to read:

23 49-14,122 The commission shall make random field
24 investigations and audits with respect to campaign statements and
25 activity reports filed with the commission under ~~the Campaign~~
26 ~~Finance Limitation Act~~ and the Nebraska Political Accountability
27 and Disclosure Act. ~~Except for audits conducted pursuant to the~~

1 ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~, any Any audit or investigation
2 conducted of a candidate's campaign statements during a campaign
3 shall include an audit or investigation of the statements of his or
4 her opponent or opponents as well. The commission may also carry
5 out field investigations or audits with respect to any campaign
6 statement, registration, report, or other statement filed under the
7 ~~Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act~~ act if the
8 commission or the executive director deems such investigations or
9 audits necessary to carry out the purposes of the act.

10 Sec. 27. Section 49-14,123, Reissue Revised Statutes of
11 Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 49-14,123 In addition to any other duties prescribed by
13 law, the commission shall:

14 (1) ~~Prescribe and publish~~, after notice and opportunity
15 ~~for public comment~~, Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
16 carry out the ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~ and the Nebraska
17 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act pursuant to the
18 Administrative Procedure Act;

19 (2) Prescribe forms for statements and reports required
20 to be filed pursuant to the ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~ and the
21 Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and furnish
22 such forms to persons required to file such statements and reports;

23 (3) Prepare and publish one or more manuals explaining
24 the duties of all persons and other entities required to
25 file statements and reports by the ~~acts~~ act and setting forth
26 recommended uniform methods of accounting and reporting for such
27 filings;

1 (4) Accept and file any reasonable amount of information
2 voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of the ~~aets~~
3 act;

4 (5) Make statements and reports filed with the commission
5 available for public inspection and copying during regular office
6 hours and make copying facilities available at a cost of not more
7 than fifty cents per page;

8 (6) Compile and maintain an index of all reports and
9 statements filed with the commission to facilitate public access to
10 such reports and statements;

11 (7) Prepare and publish summaries of statements and
12 reports filed with the commission and special reports and technical
13 studies to further the purposes of the ~~aets~~ act;

14 (8) Review all statements and reports filed with the
15 commission in order to ascertain whether any person has failed to
16 file a required statement or has filed a deficient statement;

17 (9) Preserve statements and reports filed with the
18 commission for a period of not less than five years from the
19 date of receipt;

20 (10) Issue and publish advisory opinions on the
21 requirements of the ~~aets~~ act upon the request of a person or
22 government body directly covered or affected by the ~~aets~~ act. Any
23 such opinion rendered by the commission, until amended or revoked,
24 shall be binding on the commission in any subsequent charges
25 concerning the person or government body who requested the opinion
26 and who acted in reliance on it in good faith unless material facts
27 were omitted or misstated by the person or government body in the

1 request for the opinion;

2 (11) Act as the primary civil enforcement agency
3 for violations of the Nebraska Political Accountability and
4 Disclosure Act and the rules or regulations adopted and promulgated
5 thereunder; and act as the primary civil enforcement agency for
6 ~~violations of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and the rules or~~
7 ~~regulations promulgated thereunder;~~

8 (12) Receive all late filing fees, civil penalties, and
9 interest imposed pursuant to ~~the Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~
10 ~~or~~ the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, ~~seek~~
11 ~~the return of any amount as provided in section 32-1606,~~ and seek
12 ~~the repayment of any amount as provided in section 32-1607 and~~
13 remit all such funds to the State Treasurer for credit to the
14 ~~Campaign Finance Limitation~~ Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
15 Commission Cash Fund; and

16 (13) Prepare and distribute to the appropriate local
17 officials statements of financial interest, campaign committee
18 organization forms, filing instructions and forms, and such other
19 forms as the commission may deem appropriate.

20 Sec. 28. Section 49-14,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of
21 Nebraska, is amended to read:

22 49-14,124 (1) The commission shall, by way of preliminary
23 investigation, investigate any alleged violation of the Nebraska
24 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, or any rule or
25 regulation adopted and promulgated thereunder, upon:

26 (a) The receipt of a complaint signed under oath which
27 contains at least a reasonable belief that a violation has

1 occurred;

2 (b) The recommendation of the executive director; or

3 (c) The commission's own motion.

4 ~~(2) The commission shall, by way of preliminary~~
5 ~~investigation, investigate any alleged violation of the Campaign~~
6 ~~Finance Limitation Act, or any rule or regulation promulgated~~
7 ~~thereunder, upon:~~

8 ~~(a) The recommendation of the executive director; or~~

9 ~~(b) The commission's own motion.~~

10 ~~(3)~~ (2) For purposes of conducting preliminary
11 investigations under either the Campaign Finance Limitation Act
12 or the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act,
13 the commission shall have the powers possessed by the courts of
14 this state to issue subpoenas, and the district court shall have
15 jurisdiction to enforce such subpoenas.

16 ~~(4)~~ (3) The executive director shall notify any person
17 under investigation by the commission of the investigation and of
18 the nature of the alleged violation within five days after the
19 commencement of the investigation.

20 ~~(5)~~ (4) Within fifteen days after the filing of a sworn
21 complaint by a person alleging a violation, and every thirty days
22 thereafter until the matter is terminated, the executive director
23 shall notify the complainant and the alleged violator of the action
24 taken to date by the commission together with the reasons for such
25 action or for nonaction.

26 ~~(6)~~ (5) Each governing body shall cooperate with the
27 commission in the conduct of its investigations.

1 Sec. 29. Section 49-14,124.01, Reissue Revised Statutes
2 of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 49-14,124.01 All commission proceedings and records
4 relating to preliminary investigations shall be confidential until
5 a final determination is made by the commission unless the person
6 alleged to be in violation of the Nebraska Political Accountability
7 and Disclosure Act ~~or the Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~ requests
8 that the proceedings be public. If the commission determines that
9 there was no violation of ~~either~~ the act or any rule or regulation
10 adopted and promulgated under ~~either~~ the act, the records and
11 actions relative to the investigation and determination shall
12 remain confidential unless the alleged violator requests that the
13 records and actions be made public. If the commission determines
14 that there was a violation, the records and actions shall be made
15 public as soon as practicable after the determination is made.

16 Sec. 30. Section 49-14,124.02, Reissue Revised Statutes
17 of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 49-14,124.02 At any time after the commencement of a
19 preliminary investigation, the commission may refer the matter of
20 a possible criminal violation of ~~the Campaign Finance Limitation~~
21 ~~Act or~~ the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to
22 the Attorney General for consideration of criminal prosecution. The
23 fact of the referral shall not be subject to the confidentiality
24 provisions of section 49-14,124.01. The Attorney General shall
25 determine if a matter referred by the commission will be criminally
26 prosecuted. If the Attorney General determines that a matter will
27 be criminally prosecuted, he or she shall advise the commission in

1 writing of the determination. If the Attorney General determines
2 that a matter will not be criminally prosecuted, he or she shall
3 advise the commission in writing of the determination. The fact of
4 the declination to criminally prosecute shall not be subject to the
5 confidentiality provisions of section 49-14,124.01.

6 Sec. 31. Section 49-14,125, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 49-14,125 (1) If, after a preliminary investigation, it
9 is determined by a majority vote of the commission that there
10 is no probable cause for belief that a person has violated
11 the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ~~or the~~
12 ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act~~ or any rule or regulation adopted
13 and promulgated thereunder or if the commission determines that
14 there is insufficient evidence to reasonably believe that the
15 person could be found to have violated ~~either~~ the act, the
16 commission shall terminate the investigation and so notify the
17 complainant and the person who had been under investigation.

18 (2) If, after a preliminary investigation, it is
19 determined by a majority vote of the commission that there
20 is probable cause for belief that the Nebraska Political
21 Accountability and Disclosure Act ~~or the Campaign Finance~~
22 ~~Limitation Act~~ or a rule or regulation adopted and promulgated
23 thereunder has been violated and if the commission determines that
24 there is sufficient evidence to reasonably believe that the person
25 could be found to have violated ~~either~~ the act, the commission
26 shall initiate appropriate proceedings to determine whether there
27 has in fact been a violation. The commission may appoint a hearing

1 officer to preside over the proceedings.

2 (3) All proceedings of the commission pursuant to this
3 section shall be by closed session attended only by those persons
4 necessary to the investigation of the alleged violation, unless the
5 person alleged to be in violation of ~~either~~ the act or any rule
6 or regulation adopted and promulgated thereunder requests an open
7 session.

8 (4) The commission shall have the powers possessed by
9 the courts of this state to issue subpoenas in connection with
10 proceedings under this section, and the district court shall have
11 jurisdiction to enforce such subpoenas.

12 (5) All testimony shall be under oath which shall be
13 administered by a member of the commission, the hearing officer,
14 or any other person authorized by law to administer oaths and
15 affirmations.

16 (6) Any person who appears before the commission
17 shall have all of the due process rights, privileges, and
18 responsibilities of a witness appearing before the courts of this
19 state.

20 (7) All witnesses summoned before the commission shall
21 receive reimbursement as paid in like circumstances in the district
22 court.

23 (8) Any person whose name is mentioned during a
24 proceeding of the commission and who may be adversely affected
25 thereby shall be notified and may appear personally before the
26 commission on that person's own behalf or file a written statement
27 for incorporation into the record of the proceeding.

1 (9) The commission shall cause a record to be made of all
2 proceedings pursuant to this section.

3 (10) At the conclusion of proceedings concerning an
4 alleged violation, the commission shall deliberate on the evidence
5 and determine whether there has been a violation of ~~the Campaign~~
6 ~~Finance Limitation Act~~ ~~or~~ the Nebraska Political Accountability and
7 Disclosure Act.

8 Sec. 32. Section 49-14,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

10 49-14,126 ~~(1)~~ The commission, upon finding that there
11 has been a violation of the Nebraska Political Accountability and
12 Disclosure Act or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder,
13 may issue an order requiring the violator to do one or more of the
14 following:

15 ~~(a)~~ (1) Cease and desist from the violation;

16 ~~(b)~~ (2) File any report, statement, or other information
17 as required;

18 ~~(c)~~ (3) Pay a civil penalty of not more than two thousand
19 dollars for each violation of the act, rule, or regulation; or

20 ~~(d)~~ (4) Pay the costs of the hearing in a contested case
21 if the violator did not appear at the hearing personally or by
22 counsel.

23 ~~(2)~~ ~~If the commission finds a violation of the Campaign~~
24 ~~Finance Limitation Act, the commission shall assess a civil penalty~~
25 ~~as required under section 32-1604, 32-1606.01, or 32-1612.~~

26 Sec. 33. Section 49-14,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of
27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 49-14,129 The commission, by order, may suspend or
2 modify any of the reporting requirements of ~~the Campaign Finance~~
3 ~~Limitation Act or~~ the Nebraska Political Accountability and
4 Disclosure Act, in a particular case, for good cause shown, or if
5 it finds that literal application of ~~such acts~~ the act works a
6 manifestly unreasonable hardship and if it also finds that such
7 suspension or modification will not frustrate the purposes of ~~such~~
8 ~~acts.~~ the act. Any such suspension or modification shall be only
9 to the extent necessary to substantially relieve the hardship. The
10 commission shall suspend or modify any reporting requirements only
11 if it determines that facts exist that are clear and convincing
12 proof of the findings required by this section.

13 Sec. 34. Section 49-14,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of
14 Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 49-14,132 Information copied from campaign statements,
16 registration forms, activity reports, statements of financial
17 interest, and other filings required by the Nebraska Political
18 Accountability and Disclosure Act shall not be sold or used
19 by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or
20 for commercial purposes, except that (1) the name and address
21 of any political committee, ~~corporation, labor organization, or~~
22 ~~industry, trade, or professional association~~ or entity specified
23 in subsection (1) of section 49-1469 may be used for soliciting
24 contributions from such committee, ~~corporation, organization, or~~
25 ~~association~~ or entity and (2) the use of information copied or
26 otherwise obtained from statements, forms, reports, and other
27 filings required by the act in newspapers, magazines, books,

1 or other similar communications is permissible as long as the
2 principal purpose of using such information is not to communicate
3 any contributor information listed thereon for the purpose of
4 soliciting contributions or for other commercial purposes.

5 Sec. 35. Section 49-14,133, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, is amended to read:

7 49-14,133 The Attorney General has jurisdiction to
8 enforce the criminal provisions of ~~the Campaign Finance Limitation~~
9 ~~Act and~~ the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure
10 Act. The county attorney of the county in which a violation of
11 the ~~Campaign Finance Limitation Act or the Nebraska Political~~
12 ~~Accountability and Disclosure Act~~ act occurs shall have concurrent
13 jurisdiction.

14 Sec. 36. Section 49-14,140, Revised Statutes Cumulative
15 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

16 49-14,140 The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
17 Commission Cash Fund is hereby created. The fund shall consist of
18 funds received by the commission pursuant to sections 49-1449.01,
19 49-1470, 49-1480.01, 49-1482, 49-14,123, and 49-14,123.01 and
20 subdivision ~~(1)-(d)~~ (4) of section 49-14,126. ~~The fund shall not~~
21 ~~include late filing fees or civil penalties assessed and collected~~
22 ~~by the commission.~~ The fund shall be used by the commission in
23 administering the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure
24 Act. Any money in the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
25 Commission Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested
26 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
27 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

1 On the operative date of this section, the State
2 Treasurer shall transfer any money in the Campaign Finance
3 Limitation Cash Fund to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
4 Commission Cash Fund to be used for development, implementation,
5 and maintenance of an electronic filing system for campaign
6 statements and other reports under the Nebraska Political
7 Accountability and Disclosure Act and for making such statements
8 and reports available to the public on the web site of the
9 commission.

10 Sec. 37. Section 49-14,141, Reissue Revised Statutes of
11 Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 49-14,141 (1) The commission shall develop, implement,
13 and maintain an electronic filing system for campaign statements
14 and other reports required to be filed with the commission under
15 the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and shall
16 provide for such statements and reports to be made available to the
17 public on its web site as soon as practicable.

18 (2) The commission may adopt procedures for the digital
19 and electronic filing of any report or statement with the
20 commission as required by the Nebraska Political Accountability and
21 Disclosure Act. act. Any procedures for digital filing shall comply
22 with the provisions of section 86-611. The commission may adopt
23 authentication procedures to be used as a verification process for
24 statements or reports filed digitally or electronically. Compliance
25 with authentication procedures adopted by the commission shall have
26 the same validity as a signature on any report, statement, or
27 verification statement.

1 Sec. 38. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
2 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,
3 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 41 of this act become operative
4 on January 1, 2014. The other sections of this act become operative
5 on their effective date.

6 Sec. 39. Original sections 28-915.01, 49-1413, 49-1415,
7 49-1433.01, 49-1445, 49-1446, 49-1446.04, 49-1447, 49-1455,
8 49-1456, 49-1457, 49-1459, 49-1461.01, 49-1463, 49-1463.01,
9 49-1464, 49-1467, 49-1469, 49-1469.05, 49-1469.06, 49-1469.07,
10 49-1469.08, 49-1477, 49-1479.02, 49-1488.01, 49-14,122, 49-14,123,
11 49-14,124, 49-14,124.01, 49-14,124.02, 49-14,125, 49-14,129,
12 49-14,132, 49-14,133, and 49-14,141, Reissue Revised Statutes
13 of Nebraska, and section 49-14,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative
14 Supplement, 2012, are repealed.

15 Sec. 40. Original section 49-14,140, Revised Statutes
16 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.

17 Sec. 41. The following sections are outright repealed:
18 Sections 32-1601, 32-1602, 32-1603, 32-1604, 32-1604.01, 32-1605,
19 32-1606, 32-1606.01, 32-1607, 32-1608.01, 32-1608.02, 32-1608.03,
20 32-1609, 32-1610, 32-1611, 32-1612, 32-1613, and 77-27,119.04,
21 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-1608, Revised
22 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012.

23 Sec. 42. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
24 when passed and approved according to law.