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LEGISLATIVE BILL 349

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Introduced by Redfield, 12

AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend sections 49-1449 and 49-1495, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002; to change provisions relating to statements of organization for certain committees; to eliminate a filing requirement; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 49-1449, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

49-1449. (1) Each committee shall file a statement of organization with the commission. Such Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, such statement of organization shall be filed within ten days after a committee is formed. The commission shall maintain a statement of organization filed by a committee until notified of the committee's dissolution. Any person who fails to file with the commission a statement of organization required by this section subsection shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars for each day the statement remains not filed in violation of this section subsection, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

(2) If the committee is formed within thirty days prior to an election for which the committee exists, the statement of organization shall be filed within two business days after the committee is formed. Any person who fails to file with the commission a statement of organization required by this subsection shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of one hundred dollars for each day the statement remains not filed in violation of this subsection, not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. Section 49-1495, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

49-1495. (1) An individual appointed to an office specified in section 49-1493 shall, before assuming duties, file a statement for the preceding calendar year with the commission. When confirmation is required, the individual shall file a statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar year with the commission prior to the confirmation hearing or prior to assuming his or her duties, whichever comes first.

(2) An individual designated in section 49-1493 shall, within five days, file with the election commissioner of the county in which the individual resides a copy of any statement that individual files with the commission. If the county has no election commissioner, the individual shall file the copy of the statement with the clerk of the county in which the individual resides. The commission, election commissioners, and clerks of the counties shall make the statements available for public inspection during regular office hours and shall make copying facilities available at a cost of not to exceed fifty cents per page.

Sec. 3. Original sections 49-1449 and 49-1495, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, are repealed.