

AMENDMENTS TO LB 626

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM972)

Introduced by Mello, 5.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 4. Section 49-1455, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

4 49-1455 (1) The campaign statement of a committee, ~~other~~
5 ~~than a political party committee,~~ shall contain the following
6 information:

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

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

1 expenditures;

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

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

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

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

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

1 for which any expenditure was made if different from the payee;

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

9 (i) The total amount of funds disbursed by a separate
10 segregated political fund or political party committee, by state,
11 for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates and committees
12 in elections in states other than Nebraska and candidates for
13 federal office, including independent expenditures made in such
14 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. 5. Section 49-1472, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 49-1472 (1) A person shall not accept or expend an
9 anonymous contribution. An anonymous contribution received by a
10 person shall not knowingly be deposited but shall be given to
11 a tax-exempt charitable organization. The charitable organization
12 receiving the contribution shall provide the person with a receipt.
13 The person shall give a copy of the receipt to the commission.

14 (2) A contribution received as the result of a
15 fundraising event, or from the sale of political merchandise, or
16 from membership fees, dues, or subscriptions for political purposes
17 to an independent committee or political party committee that
18 is fifty dollars or less shall not be considered an anonymous
19 contribution.

20 (3) A person making a contribution pursuant to subsection
21 (2) of this section which is fifty dollars or more shall furnish
22 the recipient with the donor's name, address, and the total amount
23 contributed.

24 (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section
25 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

26 Sec. 6. Section 49-1478.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
27 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

1 49-1478.01 (1) An independent committee, including a
2 separate segregated political fund, and a political party committee
3 which makes a late independent expenditure shall report the
4 expenditure to the commission by filing within two days after
5 the date of the expenditure the committee's full name and street
6 address, the amount of the expenditure, and the date of the
7 expenditure. The report shall include (a) the full name and
8 street address of the recipient of the expenditure, (b) the
9 name and office sought of the candidate whose nomination or
10 election is supported or opposed by the expenditure, and (c)
11 the identification of the ballot question, the qualification,
12 passage, or defeat of which is supported or opposed. Filing
13 of a report of a late independent expenditure may be by any
14 written means of communication, including electronic means approved
15 by the commission, and need not contain an original signature.
16 A late independent expenditure shall be reported on subsequent
17 campaign statements without regard to reports filed pursuant to
18 this section.

19 (2) A committee which fails to file a report of a late
20 independent expenditure with the commission as required by this
21 section shall pay to the commission a late filing fee of one
22 hundred dollars for each of the first ten days the report remains
23 not filed in violation of this section. After the tenth day, such
24 committee shall pay, for each day the report remains not filed,
25 an additional late filing fee of one percent of the amount of the
26 late independent expenditure which was required to be reported,
27 not to exceed ten percent of the amount of the late independent

1 expenditure which was required to be reported.

2 (3) For purposes of this section, late independent
3 expenditure means an independent expenditure as defined in section
4 49-1428 of one thousand dollars or more made after the closing
5 date for campaign statements as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of
6 section 49-1459.

7 Sec. 11. The following section is outright repealed:
8 Section 49-1457, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

9 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the
10 repealer accordingly.