

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB638**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 04, 2009  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Lautenbaugh  
**One Liner:** Repeal the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Avery
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Pirsch, Sullivan

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Peggy Adair  
Jack Gould

**Representing:**  
League of Women Voters of Nebraska  
Common Cause Nebraska

**Neutral:**  
Frank Daley

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 638 repeals the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and changes reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Reporting thresholds of contributions and expenditures are lowered to \$50. Current threshold levels are \$250 in most cases, but some thresholds are \$1000.

The bill also requires, beginning January 1, 2012, the electronic filing of campaign statements within five days after the receipt of a contribution or making an expenditure. Certain reports are required to be filed the next business day after receipt of a contribution or making an expenditure. Beginning January 1, 2010, the reports may be filed as described in current law or electronically.

The Accountability and Disclosure Commission is required by January 1, 2012 to make campaign statements available on its website on or before the next business day after receipt by the commission.

By January 1, 2010, the commission will adopt rules and regulations to establish the procedures for electronic filing.

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Bill Avery, Chairperson