

Prior law authorized the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to provide by rule for the reporting of totals of information required by prior law to be reported. New law repeals requirement for a rule, otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law authorized the supervisory committee to adopt and promulgate rules in accordance with prior law to provide for preparation and distribution of forms for all reports required by prior law and to provide instructions and explanation for the completion of such forms. New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that all reports required by prior law shall be filed with the supervisory committee as otherwise provided in prior law on forms provided by the supervisory committee. Required the supervisory committee to prepare forms for all reports required by prior law in conformity with the requirements of prior law and to cause such forms to be printed and sufficient copies thereof furnished to the clerks of court and in Orleans Parish to the clerk of the criminal district court, who shall make them available to all persons required to file reports under the provisions of prior law. Provided that all forms shall contain instructions directing the person filing with whom to file reports. Requires the supervisory committee to provide forms in a simple format in conformity with the requirements of prior law.

New law retains prior law. Additionally provides that all forms required by prior law and all instructions and explanation for the completion of such forms prepared by the supervisory committee shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs for review and approval. Provides that the approval of each legislative committee shall be required prior to the utilization of a form or related instructions or explanation.

Prior law authorized the Board of Ethics to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce rules and regulations in the manner provided by prior law (Administrative Procedure Act) to carry out the provisions and purposes of laws within its jurisdiction.

New law retains prior law, but provides that forms required by prior law shall be prepared and prescribed by the Board of Ethics as provided in new law. Requires the board to submit all such proposed forms to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs for review and approval. Provides that the approval of each legislative committee shall be required prior to the utilization of such a form.

New law provides that upon receipt of a proposed form, instructions, or explanation, from the supervisory committee or the ethics board the legislative committees shall meet, either separately or jointly, within 60 days to consider and act on the proposed form, instructions, or explanation. Provides that approval by either legislative committee, meeting separately, shall require a favorable vote of a majority of the members present and voting, a quorum of the legislative committee being present. Provides that approval by the two legislative committees, meeting jointly, shall require a favorable vote of a majority of the members of each legislative committee present and voting, each house voting separately, a quorum of the joint legislative committee being present.

New law provides that if the proposed form, instructions, or explanation fails to receive the approval of both legislative committees within 60 days after submission, the proposed form, instructions, or explanation shall be withdrawn from consideration.

New law provides that all forms, instructions, and explanations promulgated or prescribed by the supervisory committee or ethics board prior to the effective date of new law shall remain in effect until the supervisory committee or ethics board prepares or prescribes new forms, instructions, or explanations and such forms, instructions, and explanations receive approval in accordance with the provisions of new law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 18:1491.7(D), 1495.5(D), and 1511.3(A); adds R.S. 42:1134(A)(3); repeals R.S. 18:1511.2(A)(5))

