

# ACT No. 161

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1491.5(B)(2), 1491.7(B)(5), 1495.3(B)(2), 1495.5(B)(5),  
3 1505.2(C)(2), and 1505.3(C), relative to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to  
4 provide for the method of reporting certain campaign contributions; to change certain  
5 record-keeping requirements; to provide for civil and criminal penalties; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:1491.5(B)(2), 1491.7(B)(5), 1495.3(B)(2), 1495.5(B)(5),  
9 1505.2(C)(2), and 1505.3(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1491.5. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and  
11 expenditures

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13 B.

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15 (2) Payments made to purchase raffle tickets, campaign paraphernalia, such  
16 as campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, shirts, banners, literature,  
17 and similar items, other than expenditures made by a political committee for its own  
18 paraphernalia, and payments for tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events  
19 are contributions, and records thereof shall be maintained, provided that:

20 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or  
21 of items such as campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,  
22 literature, and similar material which is for an amount not in excess of twenty-five  
23 dollars and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a political

1 committee, no record need be kept by the campaign treasurer for such recipient  
2 committee, except the total amount received and deposited from such sale and the  
3 fact that such amount was received from such sale.

4 (b) No person shall sell or buy raffle tickets or campaign paraphernalia in  
5 successive single transactions for amounts below those for which specific records are  
6 required by this Paragraph as a subterfuge to avoid requirements of this Part that  
7 names and addresses of contributors and dates and amounts of contributions be  
8 recorded, aggregated, and reported. Such transactions shall be considered single  
9 transactions and shall be recorded and reported as provided in this Part. Any person  
10 who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the penalties provided  
11 in R.S. 18:1505.4, R.S. 18:1505.5, and R.S. 18:1505.6.

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13 §1491.7. Reports; contents

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15 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain  
16 the following information:

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18 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the political committee  
19 during the reporting period from the sale of items such as political campaign pins,  
20 buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar materials.  
21 Purchases of ~~such~~ campaign items and materials from the committee which are made  
22 by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly or in the  
23 aggregate, ~~under as provided in Paragraph (4) hereof~~ of this Subsection, shall be so  
24 reported; however, single transactions to purchase ~~such~~ campaign items or materials  
25 which are ~~for~~ not in excess of twenty-five dollars must be reported only in the report  
26 of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph  
27 (4) of this Subsection.

28 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the political committee  
29 during the reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets  
30 that are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either



1 who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the penalties provided  
2 in R.S. 18:1505.4, R.S. 18:1505.5, and R.S. 18:1505.6.

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4 §1495.5. Reports; contents

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6 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain  
7 the following information:

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9 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the  
10 reporting period from the sale of items such as political campaign pins, buttons,  
11 badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar materials. Purchases  
12 of such campaign items and materials which are made by the same person and which  
13 are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, ~~under~~ as  
14 required in Paragraph (4) ~~hereof~~ of this Subsection, shall be so reported; however,  
15 single transactions to purchase ~~such~~ campaign items or materials which are for not  
16 in excess of twenty-five dollars must be reported only in the report of gross proceeds  
17 and shall not be required to be reported as ~~required~~ provided in Paragraph (4) of this  
18 Subsection.

19 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the  
20 reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are  
21 made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly  
22 or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so  
23 reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in  
24 excess of twenty-five dollars must be reported only in the report of gross proceeds  
25 and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this  
26 Subsection.

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1           Section 2.(A) Any changes to campaign finance disclosure forms as a result of the  
2 provisions of this Act shall become effective after February 17, 2021.

3           (B) This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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