2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

## BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOS: Requires political committees to include specified information on the statement of organization

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1491.1(B)(5) and to enact R.S. 18:1491.1(F), relative to
3	campaign finance disclosure; to provide relative to the registration of political
4	committees; to require political committees to include specified information on the
5	statement of organization; to provide for the duties of the supervisory committee
6	relative thereto; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 18:1491.1(B)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9	18:1491.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§1491.1. Registration of political committees
11	* * *
12	B. The statement of organization shall include:
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14	(5)(a) A statement, if applicable, that the committee is a principal campaign
15	committee and the candidate by whom it is designated as a principal campaign
16	committee, if any, or a statement if applicable, that the committee is a subsidiary
17	committee and the committee or candidate by whom it is designated as a subsidiary
18	committee.
19	(b) A statement, if the committee is organized to support a single candidate
20	and if applicable, that the committee is not the principal or subsidiary committee of

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1	the candidate and a certification by the committee that the committee is not working
2	and will not work in coordination, consultation, or cooperation with the candidate.
3	(c) A statement, if applicable, that the committee is organized solely to make
4	independent expenditures and a certification by the committee that the committee is
5	not and will not make contributions, whether direct or in-kind as defined in R.S.
6	18:1483(6), in contravention of provisions of this Chapter.
7	* * *
8	F. If the supervisory committee receives a statement pursuant to
9	Subparagraph (B)(5)(b) of this Section, the supervisory committee shall immediately
10	notify the affected candidate of his obligations pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.3(C).
11	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires political committees to indicate and certify specified information regarding independent expenditures and coordination with candidates and other political committees if applicable and requires the supervisory committee to notify a candidate if a political committee not affiliated with that candidate is organized to only support that candidate.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:1491.1) requires each political committee which knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or loans, or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another committee during a calendar year in the aggregate amount exceeding \$500 to file a statement of organization with the supervisory committee annually between Jan. 1st and Jan. 31st, or if organized after Jan. 31st, no later than the 10th day after organization. <u>Present law</u> further requires that any change in information previously submitted in the annual statement of organization shall be reported to the supervisory committee within 10 days following the change.

<u>Present law</u> specifies the content of the statement of organization including a statement, if applicable, that the committee is a principal campaign committee and the candidate by whom it is designated as a principal campaign committee, if any, or a statement if applicable, that the committee is a subsidiary committee and the committee or candidate by whom it is designated as a subsidiary committee.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds to the statement of organization content: (a) a statement, if the committee is organized to support a single candidate and if applicable, that the committee is not the principal or subsidiary committee of the candidate and a certification by the committee that the committee is not working and will not work in coordination, consultation, or cooperation with the candidate and (b) a statement, if applicable, that the committee is

organized solely to make independent expenditures and a certification by the committee that the committee is not and will not make contributions.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:1491.3(C)) provides that a political committee organized to support a single candidate shall be a subsidiary committee of the candidate or of the candidate's principal campaign committee <u>unless</u> the candidate files a statement in writing with the supervisory committee that the committee is not a subsidiary committee of the candidate within 10 days of the committee's organization.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the supervisory committee to immediately notify the affected candidate of his obligations pursuant to <u>present law</u> if it receives a statement of organization from a committee organized to support that single candidate that asserts the committee is not a principal or subsidiary committee of that candidate.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 18:1491.1(B)(5); Adds R.S. 18:1491.1(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and</u> <u>Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Provide for technical changes.