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HOUSE BILL NO. 596

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT AND BEAULLIEU

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1482, 1483(2)(a), (4), (6)(b), (8), (9)(b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and

3 (iii), 15(a), (b)(ii), and (c), (16), (17)(a)(i) through (iii), (22), 1484(2)(a) and (b), the

4 heading of 1486, 1486(A), (B), and (C)(2)(introductory paragraph), the title of Part

5 II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the heading

6 of 1491.1, 1491.1(A), (B)(5)(d), (D), and (F), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A),

7 (B), (E), (I), and (J), 1491.6(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory

8 paragraph), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B)(4)(a) and (b), and

9 (5) through (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.3(B)(2)(a),

10 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2) and (D)(3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5)(a) and (b), and (9), 1495.6,

11 1501.1(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i)

12 and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b) and (c), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph),

13 (b)(introductory paragraph), (c), (e) through (g), (3)(a)(i), (iii) through (vii), and (b)

14 through (d), (I)(5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c), (6), and (7), (J)(2), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M)(2),

15 (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.3(B), (D)(1)(a),

16 (2)(a)(i), (b), and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a)(i) through (v), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B),

17 and (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C), 1511.2(B), 1511.3(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h), (C)(1)

18 and (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), 1511.5(A)(1) and (B), to

19 enact R.S. 18:1483(6)(a)(introductory paragraph), (i) through (iv), and (b)(v),

20 (9)(a)(introductory paragraph), (i) through (v), (d)(v), (12)(introductory paragraph)

1 and (a) through (c), 15(b)(iii) and (iv), (17)(b)(i) and (ii), and (25) through (31),  
2 1491.6.1, 1491.9, 1505.2(D)(1)(a) through (i), (M)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)  
3 through (e), (3)(introductory paragraph), (d) through (f), and (4), 1511.2(D) and (E),  
4 1511.4(A)(2)(h)(i)(aa) through (dd), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), 1511.4.1(E), 1511.4.2,  
5 1511.5(A)(1)(a) and (b)(i) through (iii), and to repeal R.S. 18:1483(15)(d),  
6 1486(C)(1) and (2)(d), relative to the revision of the system of laws related to  
7 election campaign finance; to provide for the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to  
8 establish leadership committees and provide authorizations and restrictions related  
9 thereto; to provide for the many various duties and requirements of committees  
10 including political committees, principal campaign committees, subsidiary  
11 committees, independent expenditure only committees, and leadership committees;  
12 to provide for contributions; to provide for contribution limits; to provide for  
13 contributions made to or by a political party; to provide for expenditures; to provide  
14 for limitations on expenditures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for  
15 contributions, expenditures, and reporting related to closed party primary elections;  
16 to provide for joint fundraising efforts and agreements; to provide for foreign  
17 nationals; to provide for powers and duties of the supervisory committee on  
18 campaign finance; to provide for investigations conducted by and penalties issued  
19 by the supervisory committee on campaign finance; to provide for subpoenas; to  
20 provide for the rights of the subject of an investigation; to repeal provisions related  
21 to the regulation of contributions and expenditures related to proposition elections;  
22 to provide for loans; to provide for coordinated expenditures; to provide for excess  
23 contributions; to provide for definitions and terminology; and to provide for related  
24 matters.

25 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

26 Section 1. R.S. 18:1482, 1483(2)(a), (4), (6)(b), (9)(b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and (iii), 15(a),  
27 (b)(ii), and (c), (16), (17)(a)(i) through (iii), (22), 1484(2)(a) and (b), the heading of 1486,  
28 1486(A), (B), and (C)(2)(introductory paragraph), the title of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title  
29 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the heading of 1491.1, 1491.1(A), (B)(5)(d),

1 (D), and (F), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B), (E), (I), and (J), 1491.6(A),  
 2 (B)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B)(4)(a) and  
 3 (b), and (5) through (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.3(B)(2)(a),  
 4 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2) and (D)(3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5)(a) and (b), and (9), 1495.6, 1501.1(A)  
 5 and (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4),  
 6 and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(introductory paragraph), (c),  
 7 (3)(a)(i), and (b) through (d), (I)(5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c), (6), and (7), (J)(2), (K), (L)(2) and (4),  
 8 (M)(2), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.3(B), (D)(1)(a),  
 9 (2)(a)(i), (b), and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a)(i) through (v), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B), and  
 10 (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C), 1511.2(B), 1511.3(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h), (C)(1) and  
 11 (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), 1511.5(A)(1) and (B) are hereby  
 12 amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1483(6)(a)(introductory paragraph), (i) through (iv), and  
 13 (b)(v), (9)(a)(introductory paragraph), (i) through (v), (d)(v), (12)(introductory paragraph)  
 14 and (a) through (c), 15(b)(iii) and (iv), (17)(b)(i) and (ii), and (25) through (31), 1491.6.1,  
 15 1491.9, 1505.2(I)(1)(a) through (i), (M)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a) through (e),  
 16 (3)(introductory paragraph), (d) through (f), and (4), 1511.2(D) and (E),  
 17 1511.4(A)(2)(h)(i)(aa) through (dd), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), 1511.4.1(E), 1511.4.2,  
 18 1511.5(A)(1)(a) and (b)(i) through (iii) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §1482. Statement of purpose

20 A. The legislature recognizes that the Constitution of the United States and  
 21 the Constitution of Louisiana protect political speech, especially speech related to  
 22 elections; that the financing of campaigns facilitates constitutionally protected  
 23 political speech; that the legislature may regulate the financing of campaigns to  
 24 prevent the occurrence and appearance of political corruption and to promote  
 25 transparency; that the effectiveness of representative government is dependent upon  
 26 a knowledgeable electorate and the confidence of the electorate in their elected  
 27 public officials. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Chapter to provide public  
 28 disclosure of the financing of election campaigns and to regulate certain campaign  
 29 practices.



1 before or after the election. ~~for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition~~  
2 ~~or question submitted to the voters, or~~

3 (iv) Any person for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a  
4 public officer, whether made before or after the election.

5 (b) "Contribution" shall also include, without limitation:

6 (i) Contributions in-kind made to a committee for any of the purposes stated  
7 in this Paragraph, having an attributable monetary value in excess of ~~twenty-five~~  
8 fifty dollars. Contributions in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation by  
9 any person, other than a candidate or a political committee, of the services of paid  
10 employees, the value of which services exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, such value  
11 to be the amount paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the right  
12 to use, any item of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and not  
13 exchanged or converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the accepting  
14 candidate, the chairman of the accepting political committee, or accepting person  
15 required to file reports under this Chapter and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer of such  
16 recipient, if any, determines that its value or the use value, when only the right of use  
17 is given, exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and such determination shall be prima  
18 facie evidence of the correctness of the valuation of the item or of the use value when  
19 applicable. In addition, successive donations made by the same person, which  
20 donations individually are valued below ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars but which together  
21 exceed such amount, shall be deemed to be in-kind contributions and shall be  
22 aggregated for purposes of the requirements of this Chapter.

23 (ii) ~~Contributions shall also include expenditures~~ Expenditures made by any  
24 person in cooperation, consultation, or concert, with, or at the request or suggestion  
25 of, a candidate, his authorized political committees, or their agents for the purpose  
26 of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of the  
27 candidate and shall be considered to be a contribution to such candidate.

28 (ii) (iii) A promissory note or written contract to make a contribution as  
29 defined above.





1 be in-kind expenditures and shall be aggregated for purposes of the requirements of  
2 this Chapter.

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4 (c) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency, or  
5 agent for a candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other person required to file reports  
6 under this Chapter shall be considered expenditures of the candidate, ~~political~~  
7 committee, or such other person, and must be specifically reported as required by  
8 this Chapter. Each such firm, agency, or agent, which makes any expenditure for any  
9 candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other person required to file reports under this  
10 Chapter, shall timely furnish to such candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or person such  
11 information relative thereto as may be required for compliance with this Chapter.

12 \* \* \*

13 (d) "Expenditure" shall not include:

14 \* \* \*

15 (ii) Any communication by any membership organization or business entity  
16 to its employees, members, directors, ~~or~~ stockholders, or their family members, if  
17 such membership organization or business entity is not organized primarily for the  
18 purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination for  
19 election, or election, of any person to public office ~~or for the purpose of supporting~~  
20 ~~or opposing a proposition or question to be submitted to the voters~~. All other  
21 expenditures made by such membership organization or business entity which are  
22 otherwise reportable under the provisions of this Chapter shall be reported. For  
23 purposes of this definition, business entity means any proprietorship, partnership,  
24 corporation, or other legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

25 (iii) A transfer of funds between ~~political~~ committees.

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27 (v) Any communication disseminated by a church unless the church's  
28 expenditures are used to appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate. Nothing  
29 in this Chapter shall require a church to disclose the identities, donations, or



1 contributions of members of the church. As used in this Item, the term "church" is  
2 defined in accordance with and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service  
3 guidelines and regulations.

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5 (12) "Loan" means a transfer of money, property, or anything of value in  
6 exchange for an obligation to repay in whole or in part; and made to any of the  
7 following:

8 (a) A principal campaign committee, leadership committee, political  
9 committee, or an independent expenditure only committee, or any subsidiary  
10 committee of such a committee.

11 (b) A candidate ~~made~~ for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise  
12 influencing the nomination for election, or election, of ~~any person~~ the candidate to  
13 public office, whether made before or after the election.

14 (c) Any person for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise  
15 influencing the nomination or election of a person to public office, whether made  
16 before or after the election; for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition  
17 ~~or question submitted to the voters;~~ or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the  
18 recall of a public officer, whether made before or after the election.

19 \* \* \*

20 (15) "Participation" or "participating" in an election means the following:

21 (a) With regard to a candidate, that the candidate was opposed by another  
22 candidate in the election; however, any person who is a candidate as defined in this  
23 Chapter shall be deemed to participate in the primary election whether or not the  
24 candidate has failed to qualify for office after becoming a candidate, has withdrawn  
25 from the election, or is unopposed therefor. ~~Additionally, any~~ Any candidate who  
26 withdraws from a general election subsequent to a party primary election or the  
27 primary election and prior to the general election who would have been qualified to  
28 appear on the general election ballot shall be deemed to participate in the general  
29 election, as shall the person who would have been opposed by the one withdrawing.



1 (c) A candidate or committee which participates in a party primary election,  
2 primary election, or the general election shall be deemed to participate in the  
3 election.

4 ~~(d) With regard to a person who solicits or receives any contribution or~~  
5 ~~makes any expenditure in support of or in opposition to a proposition or question~~  
6 ~~submitted to the voters, that said person solicited or received a contribution or made~~  
7 ~~an expenditure of two hundred fifty dollars or more.~~

8 (16) "Person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability company  
9 or corporation, association, labor union, ~~political~~ committee, corporation, or other  
10 legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

11 \* \* \*

12 (17)(a)(i) "Political committee" ~~or "committee"~~ means a committee of two  
13 or more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any legal entity organized for  
14 the primary purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, ~~propositions~~,  
15 recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which accepts contributions in the  
16 name of the political committee, or makes expenditures from committee funds or in  
17 the name of the political committee, or makes a transfer of funds to or receives a  
18 transfer of funds from another committee, or receives or makes loans in an aggregate  
19 amount in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars within any calendar year.

20 (ii) "Political committee" ~~or "committee"~~ shall also include two or more  
21 persons, other than a husband or wife, and any legal entity which supports or opposes  
22 one or more candidates, ~~propositions~~, recalls of a public officer, or political parties,  
23 and which accepts direct payments for personal services related to an election or a  
24 campaign in the name of the political committee in an aggregate amount in excess  
25 of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars within any calendar year. Except that an entity  
26 that holds a license or permit duly issued by the appropriate governmental entity to  
27 provide the personal services provided, regularly does business in the area, and  
28 regularly has done business in the area for at least ninety days prior to the date the  
29 personal services are provided and the personal services provided are the same as the

1 personal services regularly provided by the business in the normal and usual scope  
2 of its usual business activities shall not constitute a "political committee" for  
3 purposes of the requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1 through 1491.8 which would require  
4 such an entity to keep records and submit reports.

5 (iii) Any state central committee, parish executive committee, and any other  
6 committee of any political party which receives contributions or makes expenditures  
7 ~~in such amount during such period~~ in an aggregate amount in excess of two thousand  
8 five hundred dollars within any calendar year shall be considered a "political  
9 committee" for the purposes of this Chapter.

10 (b)(i) An entity that during the reporting period has supported candidates in  
11 states other than Louisiana; has received less than fifty percent of its total receipts  
12 for the applicable reporting period from Louisiana candidates or committees formed  
13 to support Louisiana candidates; and has expended less than fifty percent, but not  
14 more than ~~twenty~~ fifty thousand dollars, of its total disbursements for the applicable  
15 reporting period in support of or in opposition to Louisiana candidates shall not  
16 constitute a "political committee" for purposes of requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1  
17 through 1491.8 which would require such an entity to keep records and submit  
18 reports.

19 (ii) "Political committee" does not include a principal campaign committee,  
20 leadership committee, or independent expenditure only committee.

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22 (22) "Subsidiary committee" means a ~~political~~ committee other than a  
23 principal campaign committee, designated by a candidate or by a principal campaign  
24 committee pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.3(B) or R.S. 18:1491.3(C) to receive  
25 contributions or make expenditures on behalf of the candidate or the committee.

26 \* \* \*

27 (25) "Committee" means any association, political party, or other group of  
28 one or more persons whether in-state or out-of-state, which receives or anticipates  
29 receiving contributions and makes or anticipates making expenditures, and has the

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1 major purpose of making contributions to or expenditures to or on behalf of any state  
2 or local elected official, candidate, campaign, or other committee. A person shall not  
3 be a committee if the person makes expenditures for the purpose of supporting or  
4 opposing candidates or recalls using only the person's general revenues and does not  
5 receive contributions for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls.  
6 "Committee" includes any independent expenditure only committee, leadership  
7 committee, political committee, or principal campaign committee.

8 (26) "Coordinated expenditure" means an expenditure made by any person  
9 in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a  
10 candidate, his authorized political committees, or their agents for the purpose of  
11 supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of the  
12 candidate.

13 (27) "Express advocacy" means communications containing express words  
14 of advocacy of election, recall, or defeat, including but not limited to "vote for",  
15 "elect", "support", "cast your ballot for", "Smith for Governor", "vote against",  
16 "recall", "defeat", or "reject".

17 (28) "Joint fundraising agreement" means a written agreement between  
18 committees or other organizations to engage in joint fundraising efforts,  
19 proportionately share expenses of the joint fundraising, and distribute proceeds  
20 according to an allotment schedule. A joint fundraising representative established by  
21 a joint fundraising agreement under R.S. 18:1491.9 shall not be considered a  
22 committee when acting solely as a financial agent to raise contributions for  
23 committees and distribute contributions to committees. However, this provision does  
24 not in any matter modify the reporting requirements provided in R.S. 18:1491.6.

25 (29) "Leadership committee" means a committee registered with the  
26 supervisory committee and directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained,  
27 controlled, or designated by an elected official, but which is not the principal  
28 campaign committee of the elected official and does not make expenditures in  
29 support of the candidacy of the elected official or in opposition to any opponent of

1 the elected official. A leadership committee may make expenditures related to any  
2 of the following:

3 (a) Holding of a public office or party position.

4 (b) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

5 (c) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer other than the  
6 candidate.

7 (d) Making contributions to any of the following:

8 (i) Another candidate's principal campaign committee.

9 (ii) A committee other than the elected official's principal campaign  
10 committee and any subsidiary committee thereof.

11 (iii) An independent expenditure only committee.

12 (iv) A gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

13 (e) Making donations to any organization qualifying under Section 501 of the  
14 United States Internal Revenue Code.

15 (f) Lobbying.

16 (g) Administrative costs or operating expenses of the leadership committee.

17 (30) "Major purpose" means the purpose of making contributions or  
18 expenditures which purpose constitutes the preponderance of the association,  
19 political party, or group's spending during a calendar year.

20 (31) "Personal use" means any use of funds of a candidate, principal  
21 campaign committee, or leadership committee to fulfill a commitment, obligation,  
22 or expense of any person that would exist irrespective of the candidate's campaign  
23 or the elected official's holding of office.

24 §1484. Disclosure reports; persons required to file

25 Except as otherwise specifically provided, the following persons or their  
26 campaign treasurers, if any, shall file reports of contributions and expenditures as  
27 more specifically provided in this Chapter:

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1 ~~in opposition to a proposition or question submitted to the voters by a person who~~  
2 ~~is not a candidate or a member of the principal campaign committee of a candidate~~  
3 ~~or of a political committee, these requirements shall be applicable only if the~~  
4 ~~aggregate amount of expenditures made equals or exceeds one thousand dollars.~~

5 "Aggregating period" for purposes of this Section shall mean the period from the  
6 date on which the first contribution is received or the first expenditure is made by the  
7 person or ~~political~~ committee, whichever is earlier, through the closing date for the  
8 last report required to be filed in accordance with this Chapter.

9 C.

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11 (2) Any person or political committee who is required to file reports as  
12 provided in ~~Paragraph A(2)~~ Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall file reports as  
13 provided in this Chapter according to the following schedule:

14 \* \* \*

15 PART II. ~~POLITICAL~~ COMMITTEES

16 §1491.1. Registration of ~~political~~ committees

17 A. Each ~~political~~ committee, including a subsidiary committee, which knows  
18 or anticipates that it will receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or loans,  
19 or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another committee  
20 during a calendar year in the aggregate amount exceeding ~~five hundred~~ one thousand  
21 dollars shall file a statement of organization with the supervisory committee annually  
22 after January 1 and no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Any such  
23 committee organized after January 31 shall file the required statement of  
24 organization no later than the tenth day after its organization. Any committee which,  
25 after January 31, knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or  
26 transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate  
27 in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars during the calendar year shall file the  
28 required statement of organization within ten days after the date on which it has  
29 information which causes it to know or anticipate that it will receive such



1 contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make such expenditures, loans, or  
 2 transfers of funds. If a ~~political~~ committee which knows or anticipates that it will  
 3 receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or  
 4 transfers of funds in the aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars  
 5 during a calendar year, is organized within ten days prior to any election, it shall file  
 6 the statement of organization required by this Section no later than the third day after  
 7 such organizing. Any committee required to file supplemental reports under the  
 8 provisions of R.S. 18:1491.6 shall file the annual statement of organization. The  
 9 supervisory committee shall issue a certificate of registration to each committee  
 10 which submits the statement required by this Subsection.

11 B. The statement of organization shall include:

12 \* \* \*

13 (5)

14 \* \* \*

15 (d) A statement, if applicable, that the committee is organized as a leadership  
 16 committee, an identification of the elected official with whom the committee is  
 17 affiliated, and a certification by the committee that the committee is not making and  
 18 will not make contributions, whether direct or in-kind, to the principal campaign  
 19 committee of the elected official with which it is affiliated, or any subsidiary  
 20 committee thereof, or expenditures for the purpose of supporting or otherwise  
 21 influencing the nomination or election to public office of the elected official with  
 22 which it is affiliated, or opposing the nomination or election to public office of any  
 23 opponent of the elected official with which it is affiliated.

24 \* \* \*

25 D. No committee shall receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or  
 26 loans or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another  
 27 committee in the aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars in any  
 28 calendar year until it has filed the annual statement of organization required by this

1 Section. Any committee which violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be  
2 subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.5 and R.S. 18:1505.6.

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4 F. If the supervisory committee receives a statement pursuant to  
5 ~~Subparagraph (B)(5)(b)~~ Subparagraph (B)(5)(b) or (d) of this Section, the  
6 supervisory committee shall immediately notify the affected candidate of his  
7 obligations pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.3(C).

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9 §1491.2. Statement of dissolution

10 A. Each ~~political~~ committee, including any subsidiary committee, which  
11 after having filed an annual statement of organization wishes to dissolve or disband  
12 and (1) determines that it no longer meets the criteria in R.S. 18:1491.1(A), or (2)  
13 determines that it will no longer receive any contributions, loans, or transfers of  
14 funds and will no longer make any expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds, shall  
15 file a statement of dissolution with the supervisory committee prior to dissolving.  
16 No committee which has unpaid debts or obligations or which has any funds on hand  
17 shall file a statement of dissolution, until any debts or obligations have been paid or  
18 otherwise extinguished and any funds have been expended or otherwise distributed.  
19 A statement of dissolution shall include (1) a certified statement by the committee  
20 chairman and campaign treasurer, if any, that the committee has not received  
21 contributions, transfers of funds, or loans, or made expenditures, transfers of funds,  
22 or loans in the aggregate during the calendar year in excess of ~~five hundred one~~  
23 thousand dollars and does not anticipate doing so, or (2) a certified statement by the  
24 committee chairman and campaign treasurer, if any, that the committee will receive  
25 no contributions, transfers of funds, or loans and will make no expenditures, transfers  
26 of funds, or loans, during the remainder of the calendar year. The committee shall  
27 file a report of contributions and expenditures containing the information required  
28 in R.S. 18:1491.7 with the statement of dissolution.



1 statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1, or if appointed after the  
2 statement of organization is filed, the names and addresses of any ~~campaign~~ treasurer  
3 or deputy ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall be reported to the supervisory committee within  
4 ten days following appointment.

5 B.(1) Any person may solicit contributions for or on behalf of the ~~political~~  
6 committee, or sell political paraphernalia, including such items as buttons, flags and  
7 literature, or tickets to a testimonial or other fund-raising event, provided that all  
8 contribution(s) or proceeds are transmitted directly to the chairman of the ~~political~~  
9 committee or its designated treasurer or a designated deputy treasurer of the  
10 committee together with such information as may be required by this Chapter. No  
11 chairman of a ~~political~~ committee or designated treasurer or deputy treasurer shall  
12 accept such funds without such information and they shall be responsible under the  
13 provisions of this Chapter for any errors and omissions in records or reports of such  
14 funds. Any contributions or transfer of funds received by a ~~political~~ committee  
15 which has appointed a ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall be transferred to the ~~campaign~~  
16 treasurer.

17 (2) When any person who is not the ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer  
18 of a ~~political~~ committee makes any expenditure for the committee, he shall transmit  
19 directly to the ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer all information concerning  
20 the expenditure required by this Chapter. The ~~campaign~~ treasurer of the committee  
21 shall be responsible under the provisions of this Chapter for any errors or omissions  
22 in the records or reports of such expenditures.

23 (3) For purposes of all reports required by this Chapter, all contributions  
24 received by or transferred to a ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer of a ~~political~~  
25 committee, and all expenditures made by a ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer  
26 of a ~~political~~ committee or by any other person on behalf of the committee, shall be  
27 considered contributions or expenditures of the ~~political~~ committee.

28 C. Deputy ~~campaign~~ treasurers of a committee may exercise any of the  
29 powers and duties of a ~~campaign~~ treasurer as set forth in this Chapter when

1 specifically authorized to do so by the ~~campaign~~ treasurer and the chairman of the  
2 ~~political~~ committee.

3 D.(1) The chairman of each ~~political~~ committee shall designate one or more  
4 national or state banks or state or federally chartered savings and loan associations  
5 or savings banks, or state or federally chartered credit unions, as the ~~campaign~~  
6 depositories of the committee and may invest in a money market mutual fund and  
7 designate such fund as a ~~campaign~~ depository. The committee chairman, the  
8 committee ~~campaign~~ treasurer, and any deputy treasurers shall deposit any  
9 contributions received by them into an account or accounts maintained at such  
10 depository or depositories. No expenditure shall be made by any committee  
11 chairman, committee ~~campaign~~ treasurer, deputy treasurer, or any other person on  
12 behalf of the committee, except by check drawn on such account or accounts, except  
13 as specifically provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and Subsection E of this  
14 Section. Each check drawn on any such account shall be made payable to a specific  
15 person, except a check made payable to petty cash. Each check drawn on such an  
16 account shall indicate the objects or services for which such check is drawn and such  
17 check shall be maintained as part of the records required by R.S. 18:1491.5. The  
18 name and address of such ~~campaign~~ depository so designated shall be filed with the  
19 supervisory committee in the statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1.  
20 If any additional depositories are designated, they shall be reported within ten days  
21 following such designation as required by R.S. 18:1491.1.

22 (2) An expenditure may be made by a committee chairman, committee  
23 ~~campaign~~ treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other authorized person on behalf of the  
24 committee by electronic funds transfer provided that the transfer of funds is to a  
25 specific person and that records are maintained as to the objects or services for which  
26 such transfer of funds was made. Detailed records of each electronic fund transfer  
27 shall be maintained as part of the records required by R.S. 18:1491.5.

28 (3) A ~~political~~ committee, which is not the principal campaign committee or  
29 designated subsidiary committee of a candidate, or a leadership committee, that

1 makes a contribution to a candidate or to the principal campaign committee or  
2 designated subsidiary committee of a candidate shall clearly indicate to the candidate  
3 or the principal campaign committee or designated subsidiary committee of the  
4 candidate that the contribution is from a political committee or a leadership  
5 committee, either by a designation on the check or by a separate notification attached  
6 to the contribution.

7 E. A ~~political~~ committee may maintain a petty cash fund or funds. A petty  
8 cash fund shall be maintained on an imprest system, that is, expenditures may be  
9 made in cash from the fund, and the fund shall from time to time be restored to its  
10 original amount by a transfer of funds from other committee funds of a sum equal  
11 to the aggregate of the sums expended from the fund. No expenditure in excess of  
12 two hundred dollars shall be made from the petty cash fund, and no expenditure shall  
13 be made from the petty cash fund for any personal services, except for gratuities paid  
14 for the serving of food or drink. No expenditure shall be made from the petty cash  
15 fund in violation of R.S. 18:1531. A complete record of petty cash expenditures  
16 shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.5(D).

17 §1491.5. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and  
18 expenditures

19 A. The chairman of each ~~political~~ committee and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer, if  
20 the chairman does not act as ~~campaign~~ treasurer, shall be responsible for providing  
21 and maintaining such records of ~~campaign~~ the finances of the committee as are  
22 necessary to comply with the provisions of this Part, including but not limited to the  
23 records specifically required by this Section.

24 B.(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the ~~campaign~~ treasurer  
25 of each ~~political~~ committee shall keep such records of ~~campaign~~ contributions  
26 received and accepted by him or a deputy treasurer as shall be necessary to comply  
27 with the provisions of this Part, including the names and addresses of all  
28 contributors, and the date of each contribution, the amount or value of the

1 contribution of whatever value, and a description and valuation of all in-kind  
2 contributions.

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

8 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or  
9 of items such as ~~campaign~~ pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,  
10 literature, and similar material which is for an amount not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~  
11 fifty dollars and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a political  
12 committee, no record need be kept by the ~~campaign~~ treasurer for such recipient  
13 committee, except the total amount received and deposited from such sale and the  
14 fact that such amount was received from such sale.

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

23 (3) The ~~campaign~~ treasurer of each ~~political~~ committee shall also keep such  
24 records of campaign expenditures made or contracted as shall be necessary to  
25 comply with the provisions of this Part, including the name and address of the person  
26 or firm from whom goods or services were purchased or contracted, the date, the  
27 amount or value and the purpose of the expenditure, a description of the goods or  
28 services purchased or contracted, and a description and valuation of all in-kind  
29 expenditures.

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E. A record shall be kept of each loan made by the committee to or from any person or ~~political~~ committee, together with the full name and address of the lender, of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan, and of any person who makes any type of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the repayment of all or any part of the loan. In addition, a record shall be kept of the repayment of each such loan and of the source of funds expended for repayment.

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I. A ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall preserve records required by this Part for six years; except a ~~campaign~~ treasurer for a committee which supports only one candidate shall preserve such records for two years after the final report which he is required by this Part to file for the election has been filed, including any supplemental reports required.

J. The accounts and records kept by a ~~campaign~~ treasurer under the provisions of this Part shall be available for inspection or use by the supervisory committee in connection with any investigation pursuant to this Chapter, or by any grand jury or court in connection with any proceeding instituted under the provisions of this Chapter; however, such accounts and records shall be kept strictly confidential by the supervisory committee and any court, except to the extent any contents thereof may become a public record in any judicial proceeding to enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

§1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods

A. The chairman of a ~~political~~ committee other than a leadership committee and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer of the committee, if any, shall be responsible for filing a report of all information required in this Section and R.S. 18:1491.7 with the supervisory committee at the times required in this Section. The ~~political~~ committee chairman and ~~campaign~~ treasurer ~~of the committee~~, if any, shall certify, in each report, that the information contained in the report is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, that no expenditures have been made and

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1 no contributions have been received that are not reported therein, and that no  
2 information required by this Part has been deliberately omitted.

3 B. A report shall be filed for a ~~political~~ committee other than a leadership  
4 committee for each regularly scheduled election in which the committee participates  
5 according to the following schedule:

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7 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a  
8 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day, and during  
9 the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and  
10 extending through midnight of general election day, each committee, other than a  
11 leadership committee, which is participating in the election shall file a report with  
12 the supervisory committee of:

13 (1)(a) The full name and address of each person from whom the committee  
14 has received and accepted a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds during such  
15 period in excess of the following amounts: a committee participating in the election  
16 of a candidate for any major office, ~~one~~ two thousand dollars; a committee  
17 participating in the election of a candidate for district office, ~~five hundred~~ one  
18 thousand dollars; a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any  
19 other office, ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars. If the committee is participating in the  
20 election of candidates for offices with different reporting amounts, the amount shall  
21 be the lowest for any candidate in whose election the committee is participating or  
22 in which any committee is participating to which it makes or from which it receives  
23 a transfer of funds.

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25 (2) Any expenditure in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred dollars made to a  
26 candidate, committee, or person required to file reports by this Chapter, who makes  
27 endorsements, including the full name and address of each person to whom such  
28 expenditure is made, the amount, date and purpose of each such expenditure, and a  
29 brief description and valuation of an in-kind expenditure.

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2 D.(1) If the final report of a ~~political~~ committee other than a leadership  
3 committee for an election, as required by Paragraph (5), (6), or (7) of Subsection B  
4 of this Section, or the most recent monthly report of a such committee pursuant to  
5 Subsection I of this Section shows a deficit or a surplus, the chairman and treasurer  
6 of the committee, if any, shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory  
7 committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such reports shall be filed  
8 annually no later than February fifteenth and shall be complete through the preceding  
9 December thirty-first. Such a supplemental report shall be filed each year until a  
10 report has been filed which shows no deficit and until any surplus campaign funds  
11 have been disposed of in accordance with R.S. 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus  
12 funds shall disclose the disbursement of such funds in the same manner as  
13 expenditures are reported.

14 (2) A "deficit", for purposes of this Subsection, means debts or obligations  
15 owed by the ~~political~~ committee which are required to be reported by R.S.  
16 18:1491.7(B)(14).

17 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the committee is  
18 dissolved or disbanded and shows a deficit of less than ~~two thousand five hundred~~  
19 five thousand dollars. However, if the ~~political~~ committee is dissolved or disbanded  
20 and its deficit is equal to or greater than ~~two thousand five hundred~~ five thousand  
21 dollars, the ~~political~~ committee shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory  
22 committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such report shall be filed  
23 annually no later than February fifteenth and shall be complete through the preceding  
24 December thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for five years or until a  
25 report has been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

26 (b) However, if after five years ~~the~~ a political committee with a deficit  
27 receives any contribution or if any repayment occurs on an outstanding debt or loan,  
28 such political committee shall file a supplemental report by the following February  
29 fifteenth which shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first.

1 (c) If the ~~political~~ committee has surplus campaign funds, a report need not  
2 be filed under this Subsection if such ~~political~~ committee files an annual report in  
3 accordance with Subsection E of this Section which includes such surplus campaign  
4 funds.

5 E. A report shall be filed for each committee other than a leadership  
6 committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7 no later than February  
7 fifteenth of each year which shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-  
8 first. The annual report required by this Subsection shall not be required:

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10 G. The reporting period for all reports of ~~political~~ committees other than  
11 leadership committees, except the first report of a committee, shall be the period  
12 from the time through which the preceding report was complete through the closing  
13 date for the particular report. The reporting period for the first report of a committee  
14 shall be the period from the time when the committee was organized through the  
15 closing date for the particular report.

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17 I.(1) A political committee other than a principal or subsidiary campaign  
18 committee of a ~~candidate~~ candidate, or an independent expenditure only committee,  
19 may file monthly reports due no later than the tenth day of the month following a  
20 month in which the committee accepts a contribution or some other receipt or makes  
21 an expenditure or some other disbursement rather than file the reports otherwise  
22 required by Subsections B, (C)(1), and F of this Section.

23 (2) Such monthly reports shall include all of the information required to be  
24 included in a report pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7.

25 (3) A political committee or an independent expenditure only committee  
26 wishing to file monthly reports may do so upon written notification to the  
27 supervisory committee of its intention to do so delivered to the supervisory  
28 committee no less than forty-five days prior to the due date for the next report the  
29 committee would otherwise be required to file. The committee shall file its first

1 monthly report no later than the month following the month in which such  
2 notification is so delivered. Such report shall include all information required for  
3 reports pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7 for the period since the committee's last report.

4 (4) Nothing in this Subsection shall exempt a political committee or an  
5 independent expenditure only committee from filing the reports required by  
6 Paragraphs (2) and (3) of Subsection C of this Section.

7 §1491.6.1. Leadership committees; reports required

8 A. A leadership committee shall file monthly reports due no later than the  
9 tenth day of the month following a month in which the committee accepts a  
10 contribution or some other receipt or makes an expenditure or some other  
11 disbursement.

12 B. Monthly reports filed as provided in this Section shall include all of the  
13 information required to be included pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7.

14 §1491.7. Reports; contents

15 A.(1) Unless otherwise specifically provided, each report required by this  
16 Part shall contain the following information:

17 ~~(1) (a) the~~ The name and address of the ~~political~~ committee for whom the  
18 report is ~~filed~~; filed.

19 ~~(2) (b) the~~ The name and address of the treasurer completing the ~~report~~;  
20 report.

21 ~~(3) (c) the~~ The names and addresses of the committee chairman and of the  
22 other principal ~~officers~~; officers.

23 (2) Unless otherwise specifically provided, each report by a political  
24 committee, principal campaign committee, or independent expenditure only  
25 committee, required by this Part shall contain the following information:

26 ~~(4) (a) the~~ The name, address, office sought, and party affiliation of each  
27 candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing, and a designation as to  
28 whether such committee is supporting or opposing such ~~candidate~~; candidate.



1 supports multiple candidates or issues and receives over ten thousand contributions  
 2 in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-off system when no single  
 3 contributor contributes in excess of ~~twenty-four~~ fifty dollars in the aggregate in a  
 4 calendar year, such committee may elect to report the names and addresses of its  
 5 contributors on an annual basis. Political committees making this election shall list  
 6 the names and addresses of its contributors, the total amount of the contributions  
 7 received per contributor, and the schedule of the receipt of such contributions on the  
 8 annual report due by February fifteenth complete through the preceding December  
 9 thirty-first.

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

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



1 for each such person. The aggregate of all expenditures made during the reporting  
2 period, other than in-kind expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of all in-kind  
3 expenditures shall also be reported. The aggregate amount expended for each  
4 candidate shall also be reported.

5 (14) The amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by or to the  
6 ~~political~~ committee during the reporting period which relate to the conduct of any  
7 political campaign, including but not limited to loans required to be reported under  
8 Paragraph (10) of this Subsection.

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10 (18) The name and address of each ~~political~~ committee to which the  
11 reporting ~~political~~ committee made a transfer of funds, during the reporting period,  
12 and the date and amount of each such transfer.

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14 (22) The total amount of expenditures during the reporting period made in  
15 relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission of statements  
16 relative to candidates ~~or propositions~~ which do not fully disclose the name of the  
17 individual or the name of the association, organization, committee, or corporation  
18 and the full and correct name and address of its chairman or other chief  
19 administrative officer and whether or not such individual, association, organization,  
20 committee, or corporation supports or opposes such candidate ~~or proposition~~.

21 C. Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency, or  
22 agent for a ~~political~~ committee shall be considered expenditures of the ~~political~~  
23 committee and must be reported as required by this Section. Each such firm, agency,  
24 or agent, which makes any expenditure for any ~~political~~ committee shall timely  
25 furnish to such political committee such information relative thereto as may be  
26 required for compliance with this Part.

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28 §1491.8. Small campaigns; affidavit in lieu of reports



1 Any political committee which did not receive a contribution in excess of ~~two~~  
2 five hundred dollars and which did not make expenditures totaling in excess of five  
3 ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period, may file an  
4 affidavit setting out such facts, in lieu of any report required by R.S. 18:1491.6; but  
5 a separate affidavit shall be required in lieu of any such report.

6 §1491.9 Joint Fundraising Committees; establishing separate committee; authority,  
7 requirements, and prohibitions.

8 A. Committees may, pursuant to a written joint fundraising agreement,  
9 engage in joint fundraising efforts with other committees provided for in this  
10 Chapter, committees registered with the Federal Election Commission, or with  
11 unregistered committees and organizations including:

12 (1) A state party central committee, or committee designated thereby;

13 (2) A leadership committee;

14 (3) An independent expenditure only committee;

15 (4) An organization qualifying under Section 501 of the United States  
16 Internal Revenue Code, including a social welfare organization as defined in 26 USC  
17 501(c)(4); or

18 (5) An entity established to effectuate a gubernatorial transition and  
19 inauguration as authorized by R.S. 18:1501.3.

20 B.(1) A person not otherwise prohibited by this Chapter from making  
21 contributions may make a contribution to a joint fundraising effort, subject to the  
22 contribution limits pursuant to R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

23 (2) Any committee may solicit and accept such contributions according to the  
24 provisions of this Section and applicable state or federal laws. However, any  
25 contributions that a participating committee is prohibited from receiving are  
26 deposited into an account that is distinct from that committee's account.

27 C. To engage in joint fundraising activities, the participants shall enter into  
28 a joint fundraising agreement and establish an allocation formula and a separate  
29 committee or a joint fundraising representative.

1           D. If the participants hire a professional fundraising firm or other agent to  
2           assist in conducting the joint fundraising, the fundraising representative shall be  
3           responsible for ensuring that the recordkeeping and reporting requirements set forth  
4           in this Section are met.

5           E. Prior to soliciting or accepting any funds or engaging in any fundraising  
6           activities, the joint fundraising committee shall file a statement of organization with  
7           the supervisory committee, which shall include:

8                   (1) The name of the separate committee or fundraising representatives.

9                   (2) The name, physical address, phone number, and email address of the  
10           agent authorized to act as the joint fundraising representative.

11                   (3) The names and physical addresses of all committees and organizations  
12           participating in the joint fundraising agreement.

13                   (4) The names and physical addresses of the depository institution holding  
14           the joint fundraising committee's or joint fundraising representative's account.

15                   (5) Any additional information deemed necessary by the supervisory  
16           committee.

17           F. Participating committees may establish a separate committee to act as a  
18           joint fundraising representative for all participants or may select a joint fundraising  
19           representative without establishing a separate committee. Any separate committee  
20           shall report contributions and expenditures like a political committee. A joint  
21           fundraising representative without a separate committee need not report  
22           contributions and expenditures like a political committee, but, in that case, the  
23           participants shall report the distributed contributions as if the contributions were  
24           received directly by the participant and as if the expenditures were made directly by  
25           the participants. The joint fundraising representative shall make expenditures and  
26           shall collect contributions, pay fundraising costs from gross proceeds and from funds  
27           advanced by participants, and disburse net proceeds to each participant.

1           (1) The joint fundraising representative shall be responsible for managing  
2           all joint fundraising activities, including activities for any separate committee,  
3           including but not limited to the following:

4                   (a) Record keeping, preparing, and reporting all activities required by law.

5                   (b) Collecting all contributions on behalf of the participants.

6                   (c) Paying all costs incurred with gross proceeds from the joint fundraising  
7           account or from funds contributed to the joint fundraising account by the  
8           participants.

9                   (d) Distributing net proceeds to each participant according to the terms  
10          established under the joint fundraising agreement.

11                  G. Except as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the amount of  
12          funds advanced by each participant for fundraising costs shall be in proportion of the  
13          allocation formula as found in the written agreement entered into pursuant to  
14          Subsection (H) of this Section.

15                  (1) A participant may advance more than its proportionate share of the  
16          fundraising costs, however, any amount advanced in excess of the participant's  
17          proportionate share shall not exceed the amount that the participant could legally  
18          contribute to the remaining participants.

19                  H. The participants in the joint fundraising activity shall enter into a written  
20          agreement. The written agreement shall identify the fundraising representative and  
21          shall state the formula for the allocation of fundraising proceeds. The formula shall  
22          be stated as the amount or percentage of each contribution received to be allocated  
23          to each participant. The fundraising representative shall file the written agreement  
24          with the supervisory committee within ten days of the execution and retain the  
25          written agreement for a period of six years.

26                  I. Each solicitation for contributions shall include a joint fundraising notice.  
27          The notice may be included through a displayed web address or QR code. The notice  
28          shall include the following information:

29                   (1) The names of all the participants of the joint fundraising activities.

1           (2) The allocation formula for distributing the joint fundraising proceeds.

2           (3) A statement informing contributors that, notwithstanding the stated  
3 allocation formula, contributions may be designated for a particular participant or  
4 participants.

5           (4) A statement informing contributors that the allocation formula may  
6 change if a contributor makes a contribution which exceeds the maximum  
7 contribution amount to a participant than is permitted by law.

8           (5) If one or more participants engage in joint fundraising activity solely to  
9 raise funds for outstanding debts, a statement informing contributors that the  
10 allocation formula may change if a participant receives sufficient funds to pay its  
11 outstanding debts.

12           (6) If one or more participants may not lawfully accept contribution from any  
13 particular source, a statement informing contributors that contributions from  
14 prohibited source will be distributed only to those participants that may lawfully  
15 accept them.

16           J. The participants or joint fundraising representative shall establish a  
17 separate depository account to be used solely for the receipt and disbursement of  
18 joint fundraising proceeds. Only lawful contributions and advanced funds shall be  
19 deposited into the separate depository account.

20           (1) The fundraising representative shall collect and forward to participants  
21 all contributor information required under R.S. 18:1491.7(B)(4)(a). For the purpose  
22 of compliance with this Chapter, the following provisions apply:

23           (a) Participants shall make their contributor records available to the  
24 fundraising representative for screening purposes.

25           (b) The fundraising representative and participants shall review contributor  
26 records and determine whether any contributions violate the provisions of R.S.  
27 18:1505.5(B)(1).

1           (c)The fundraising representative shall keep a record of the total amount of  
2           contributions received from the prohibited source, if any, and of all transfers of  
3           prohibited contributions to participants that may lawfully accept them.

4           (2) The fundraising representative and all participants are responsible for  
5           complying with this Section.

6           K. If one or more participants may lawfully accept prohibited contributions,  
7           the participants or joint fundraising representative may either establish a second  
8           depository account for contributions received from prohibited sources, or may  
9           forward such contributions directly to the appropriate participant or participants and  
10          shall clearly indicate the separate disbursements in the books of the separate  
11          committee.

12          L. The fundraising representative shall deposit all joint fundraising proceeds  
13          in the separate depository account. the fundraising representative may distribute the  
14          fundraising proceeds to participants after all contributions are received and all  
15          expenses are paid.

16          (1) The fundraising representative shall report contributions for the separate  
17          committee in the reporting period during which they are received.

18          (2) For reporting purposes, the date of receipt of a contribution by the joint  
19          fundraising representative or separate committee shall be deemed the date that the  
20          contribution is actually received. For electronic transmission of a contribution, the  
21          date of completed transmission is the date of receipt.

22          (3) Participants shall report joint fundraising proceeds in accordance with  
23          R.S. 18:1491.6, 1491.6.1, and 1491.7 in the reporting period in which they are  
24          received by the joint fundraising representative or separate committee regardless of  
25          whether the funds have been distributed to participants. If any contributor's  
26          information is not known by the close of the reporting period, the participant or  
27          participants shall report all available information and amend the appropriate report  
28          once all contributor information is known, but no later than fifteen days later than the  
29          close of the prior reporting period.

1           M. The joint fundraising representative shall retain all records required under  
2           R.S. 18:1491.5 regarding fundraising disbursements for a period of six years.  
3           Commercial fundraising firms or agents shall provide such information to the  
4           fundraising representative.

5           N. The maximum contribution that may be accepted by the joint fundraising  
6           representative or the joint fundraising representative on behalf of the separate  
7           committee shall not exceed the contribution limitations set forth in R.S. 18:1505.2(H)  
8           for each participant in the aggregate less any contributions previously received by  
9           each respective participant from the specific contributor or contributors.

10           (1) Contributions may be designated for a specific participant or group of  
11           participants. In this case, the calculation of the maximum contribution limitation for  
12           that specific contribution shall only include the maximum lawful amount for the  
13           participant or participants from the particular contributor or contributors.

14           (2) For maximum contribution limitation calculation purposes, gross  
15           proceeds shall be considered for the calculation of the amount of funds received by  
16           each participant.

17           O. The fundraising representative shall allocate proceeds according to the  
18           allocation formula stated in the joint fundraising agreement.

19           (1) If distribution according to the allocation formula extinguishes the debt  
20           of any participant and results in a surplus, the joint fundraising representative shall  
21           either reallocate the excess funds to other participants that may lawfully accept the  
22           funds, or otherwise return the surplus funds to the contributor.

23           (2) If distribution funds under the allocation formula results in a violation of  
24           the contribution limits under R.S. 18:1505.2(H) or federal law, the joint fundraising  
25           representative shall either reallocate the excess funds to other participants that may  
26           lawfully accept the funds, or otherwise return the surplus funds to the contributor.

27           (3) Reallocation of surplus funds shall be based upon the remaining  
28           participants' proportionate shares under the allocation formula. If reallocation results  
29           in a violation of a contribution limit under R.S. 18:1505.2(H) or federal law, the joint

1 fundraising representative shall return to the contributor the amount of the  
2 contribution that exceeds the limit.

3 (4) Notwithstanding Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, designated  
4 contributions which exceed the contributor's limit to be designated participant may  
5 not be reallocated by the fundraising representative absent the prior written  
6 permission of the contributor.

7 P. Payment of expenses shall be made by the joint fundraising representative  
8 from the gross proceeds of each fundraising event.

9 (1) The joint fundraising representative shall calculate each participant's share  
10 of expenses based on the allocation formula set forth in the joint fundraising  
11 agreement. If any contributions are received from prohibited sources and distributed  
12 to participants that may lawfully accept such contributions, those funds shall not be  
13 included in gross proceeds for the purpose of allocating expenses under this Section.  
14 Such funds shall be recorded in the books of the separate committee.

15 (2) The joint fundraising representative shall calculate each participant's share  
16 of the proceeds by subtracting fundraising expenses from the gross proceeds and then  
17 distribute net proceeds to each participant based on the allocation formula set forth  
18 in the joint fundraising agreement.

19 (3) Expenses paid on behalf of another participant shall be treated as a  
20 contribution, subject to the limits provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.

21 (4) The expenses from a series of fundraising events or activities shall be  
22 allocated among the participants on a pre-event basis regardless of whether the  
23 participants change or remain the same throughout the series.

24 Q. If the fundraising representative reports all funds received in the reporting  
25 period in which they are received, the fundraising representative shall submit a  
26 statement detailing the total amount of contributions received from prohibited  
27 sources during the reporting period, if any, by submitting an addendum to the  
28 campaign finance report to the supervisory committee via email, regular mail,

1 facsimile or hand delivery, or additionally by any other method designated by the  
2 supervisory committee.

3 R. After distribution of net proceeds, each participating political committee  
4 shall report its share of net proceeds as a transfer-in from the fundraising  
5 representative.

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7 §1495.3. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and  
8 expenditures

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14 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or  
15 of items such as campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,  
16 literature, and similar material which is for an amount not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~  
17 fifty dollars and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a candidate, no  
18 record need be kept by the campaign treasurer for such recipient candidate, except  
19 the total amount received and deposited from such sale and the fact that such amount  
20 was received from such sale.

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22 §1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension

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24 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a  
25 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day, and during  
26 the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and  
27 extending through midnight of general election day, each candidate shall file a report  
28 with the supervisory committee of:





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

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

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(9) The date and amount of each loan for campaign purposes made or received by the candidate to or from any person or ~~political~~ committee during the reporting period, together with the full name and address of the lender, of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan, and of any person who makes any type of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the repayment of all or any part of the loan.

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§1495.6. Small campaigns; affidavit in lieu of reports

Any candidate, for a major or district office required by this Chapter to file reports of information as provided in R.S. 18:1495.5, who did not receive a

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1 contribution in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred dollars and who did not make  
2 expenditures totaling in excess of ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during  
3 the aggregating period, may file an affidavit setting out such facts in lieu of each  
4 report required by R.S. 18:1495.4, but a separate affidavit shall be required in lieu  
5 of each such report.

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7 §1501.1. Reports by persons not candidates or committees

8 A.(1) Any person, other than a candidate or a ~~political~~ committee, who  
9 makes any expenditure or who accepts a contribution, for paid advertising  
10 disseminated through any federally regulated broadcast media; for any mass mailing  
11 of more than five hundred pieces of identical or substantially similar materials within  
12 any thirty day period; for for paid digital advertising, phone bank of more than five  
13 hundred telephone calls of an identical or substantially similar nature within any  
14 thirty day period, or publication of paid print advertising which contains the name  
15 or image of a candidate; is made within thirty days before a primary, party primary,  
16 or second party primary election or sixty days before any other election in which the  
17 candidate will appear on the ballot; is targeted to the relevant electorate in the  
18 geographic area the candidate would represent if elected; and includes express  
19 advocacy or the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the presentation and  
20 content of the communication is that it is intended to appeal to vote for or against a  
21 specific candidate or for or against the recall of a specific elected official ~~other than~~  
22 ~~to or from a candidate or to or from a political committee~~, shall file reports if either  
23 said expenditures or said contributions exceed ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars in  
24 the aggregate during the aggregating period as defined for committees.

25 (2) Each person, other than a candidate or political committee, who makes  
26 an expenditure for purposes of canvassing, irrespective of the amount expended,  
27 shall submit in writing to the candidate or ~~political~~ independent expenditure only  
28 committee, political committee, or principal campaign committee on whose behalf

1 such expenditure was made the name, address and the last four digits of the social  
2 security number of each individual to whom such an expenditure was made.

3 B. Such reports shall be filed at the same time, shall contain the same  
4 information, and shall be certified correct in the same manner as reports required of  
5 ~~political~~ principal campaign committees by this Chapter.

6 C. In addition to the reports filed in Subsection B of this Section, during the  
7 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a primary election and  
8 extending through midnight of primary election day, and during the period beginning  
9 at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and extending through  
10 midnight of general election day, any person, other than a candidate or a ~~political~~  
11 committee, who makes any expenditure or who accepts a contribution, other than to  
12 or from a candidate or to or from a ~~political~~ committee, shall file a report with the  
13 supervisory committee of:

14 \* \* \*

15 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

16 A.(1) No person shall give, furnish, or contribute monies, materials, supplies,  
17 or make loans to or in support of a candidate or to any ~~political~~ committee, through  
18 or in the name of another, directly or indirectly. This prohibition shall not apply to  
19 dues or membership fees of any membership organization or corporation made by  
20 its members or stockholders, if such membership organization or corporation is not  
21 organized primarily for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise  
22 influencing the nomination for election, or election of any person to public office.

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24 B.(1) No candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other person required to file  
25 reports under this Chapter shall make any expenditure from funds the source of  
26 which is anonymous, and any contribution received by a candidate, ~~political~~  
27 committee, or other person required to file reports under this Chapter from an  
28 anonymous source and deposited shall be reported as provided in R.S.

1 18:1491.7(B)(19) and R.S. 18:1495.5(B)(18) and shall escheat to the state and shall  
2 be paid over to the state by such candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other such person.

3 (2) Any single transaction involving the sale of items such as ~~political~~  
4 ~~campaign~~ pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar  
5 materials, which transaction is for not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and in  
6 which transaction the purchaser is not known, shall not be deemed to constitute an  
7 anonymous contribution under the provisions of this Subsection.

8 C.(1) No person shall make a cash contribution to a candidate or a committee  
9 and no candidate or committee shall receive cash contributions in excess of ~~one~~ two  
10 hundred dollars during any calendar year. Any contribution in excess of such ~~one~~  
11 two hundred dollar aggregate amount, other than an in-kind contribution, shall be  
12 made by an instrument containing the name of the donor and the name of the payee.

13 (2) Upon receipt of a cash contribution of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars or less,  
14 the candidate or committee receiving the contribution shall provide to the contributor  
15 a receipt for the exact amount of the contribution; such receipt shall contain the name  
16 and address of the contributor, shall be signed by the contributor, and the candidate  
17 or committee receiving the contribution shall retain a copy of the receipt. If the  
18 contributor refuses to furnish his name or address or refuses to sign the receipt, the  
19 contribution shall be immediately returned to said contributor. If the contributor is  
20 unable to write, he shall affix his mark to the receipt, and the person receiving the  
21 contribution shall affix the name of the incapacitated person to the receipt, provided  
22 he does so in the presence of a witness who shall also sign his name as witness to the  
23 mark. The copy of the receipt retained by the candidate or committee provided for  
24 in this Subsection shall be available to the supervisory committee for inspection.  
25 The supervisory committee shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to the  
26 receipt required by this Subsection.

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(b)(i) No organization, other than a political committee or independent expenditure only committee, shall directly or indirectly have as a condition of membership or participation the requirement that a person make a contribution to such organization which will be used by such organization for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of any person to public office, ~~for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters~~, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

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(c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" shall mean a partnership, association, labor union, ~~political committee~~, corporation, or other legal entity, including its subsidiaries.

(4) No ~~political~~ committee, candidate, or other person shall knowingly and willfully make a contribution or expenditure using funds which were obtained through practices prohibited in this Subsection.

(5) Any contribution received by a candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other person required to file reports under this Chapter which was obtained through practices prohibited in this Subsection shall be reported as provided in R.S. 18:1491.7(B)(21) and 1495.5(B)(20) and shall escheat to the state and shall be paid over to the state by such candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other such person.

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F. No profit or nonprofit corporation, labor organization, or trade, business, or professional association shall make any ~~campaign~~ contribution or expenditure unless specifically authorized to do so whether: by the vote of the board of directors of the corporation, of the executive board of the labor organization or of the trade, business, or professional association at a regular or special meeting thereof; by the president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of a corporation or labor organization whom the board has specifically empowered to authorize such

1 contributions or expenditures, or, for a corporation, by any other person designated  
 2 by resolution of the board of directors of a corporation to authorize contributions or  
 3 expenditures; or by a vote of the membership of the labor organization. No profit or  
 4 nonprofit corporation, labor organization or trade, business, or professional  
 5 association shall make any contribution or expenditure, other than an in-kind  
 6 contribution or expenditure, except by check.

7 G. No committee shall receive contributions or loans or make expenditures  
 8 or loans, or make or receive a transfer of funds to or from another committee in the  
 9 aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars during a calendar year until  
 10 it has filed the annual statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1. The  
 11 chairman and the treasurer of any committee which violates the provisions of this  
 12 Subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in this Part. No candidate shall  
 13 make a contribution to any committee required to file an annual statement of  
 14 organization by the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.1 which has not filed such a  
 15 statement.

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18 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to contributions made  
 19 to a candidate or the principal campaign committee or any subsidiary committee of  
 20 a candidate by a recognized political party or ~~any committee thereof~~ a committee  
 21 designated to receive such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of  
 22 the political party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise.

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24 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
 25 the following contribution limits are established for contributions by political  
 26 committees or leadership committee supporting or opposing a candidate for the  
 27 following offices:

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1 (b)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and  
 2 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the following campaign contribution limits are  
 3 established for contributions by political committees supporting or opposing a  
 4 candidate for the following offices, the membership of which political committee  
 5 exceeds two hundred fifty members as of the December thirty-first of the preceding  
 6 calendar year, and additionally, provided that at least two hundred fifty of the  
 7 members have each contributed at least ~~one hundred~~ fifty dollars to the political  
 8 committee during the preceding one-year period:

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10 (c) If the contribution is made to a leadership committee, political  
 11 committee, or independent expenditure committee which is supporting or opposing  
 12 candidates for different offices, the highest applicable limit shall apply.

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14 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this  
 15 Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions by a political committee,  
 16 leadership committee, or a principal campaign committee to a recognized political  
 17 party or any committee thereof designated to receive such contributions on behalf  
 18 of the state central committee of the political party by joint fundraising agreement  
 19 or otherwise shall be as provided in Subsection K of this Section.

20 (3)(a)(i) For purposes of this Subsection, a primary election and a general  
 21 election shall constitute ~~two~~ separate elections, and, if held, an election held pursuant  
 22 to R.S. 18:512 shall constitute a separate election.

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24 (iii) For purposes of this Subsection, for candidates, principal campaign  
 25 committees, independent expenditure only committees, and political committees that  
 26 participate in a general election, the reporting period for the general election shall be  
 27 deemed to begin the day following the primary election.

28 (iv) For purposes of this Subsection, if a judgment orders only a new general  
 29 election, for candidates, principal campaign committees, independent expenditure





1 Paragraph (2) shall apply for contributions accepted from a ~~political committee~~  
2 leadership committee, political committee, or principal campaign committee. The  
3 provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to recognized political parties and  
4 their state central committees.

5 (d) ~~After January 1, 1989, no~~ No person shall make a loan, transfer of funds,  
6 or contribution to a candidate including his principal campaign committee or  
7 leadership committee with funds loaned to him without disclosing to the candidate  
8 or his committee the source of the funds. A candidate or his committee receiving  
9 such a loan, transfer of funds, or contribution shall not only report the name of the  
10 contributor, but also the source of the funds contributed.

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12 I.(1)(a) ~~On and after January 1, 1991, contributions received by candidate~~  
13 ~~or a political committee may be expended for any lawful purpose, but such funds~~  
14 ~~shall not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any personal use unrelated~~  
15 ~~to a political campaign, the holding of a public office or party position, or, in the case~~  
16 ~~of a political committee, other than a candidate's principal campaign committee or~~  
17 ~~subsidiary committee, the administrative costs or operating expenses of the political~~  
18 ~~committee; except that excess campaign funds may be returned to contributors on~~  
19 ~~a pro rata basis, given as a charitable contribution as provided in 26 USC 170(c),~~  
20 ~~given to a charitable organization as defined in 26 USC 501(c)(3), expended in~~  
21 ~~support of or in opposition to a proposition, political party, or candidacy of any~~  
22 ~~person, or maintained in a segregated fund for use in future political campaigns or~~  
23 ~~activity related to preparing for future candidacy to elective office. However, the use~~  
24 ~~of campaign funds of a candidate or his principal or subsidiary committees to~~  
25 ~~reimburse a candidate for expenses related to his political campaign or his holding~~  
26 ~~of a public office or party position shall not be considered personal use by the~~  
27 ~~candidate. If a candidate is required by state or federal law to pay taxes on the~~  
28 ~~interest earned by campaign funds of the candidate or any political committee of the~~  
29 ~~candidate, the candidate may use the interest on which such tax is paid for such~~

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1 ~~purpose. A payment from campaign funds shall not be considered as having been~~  
2 ~~spent for personal use when the funds are used to replace articles lost, stolen, or~~  
3 ~~damaged in connection with the campaign. Contributions received by a candidate or~~  
4 ~~a candidate's principal campaign committee, may be expended for any lawful~~  
5 ~~purpose, but such funds shall not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any~~  
6 ~~personal use that is unrelated to any of the following:~~

7 (i) Supporting or nominating the candidate for election to a public office.

8 (ii) A political campaign supporting or opposing or otherwise influencing the  
9 nomination or election of a person to public office.

10 (iii) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the  
11 voters.

12 (iv) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

13 (v) Contributions to another candidate's principal campaign committee, to  
14 a political committee, or an independent expenditure only committee.

15 (vi) Contributions to a gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

16 (vii) Donations to an organization qualifying under Section 501 of the United  
17 States Internal Revenue Code.

18 (viii) Lobbying.

19 (ix) The holding of a public office or party position.

20 (x) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee.

21 (b) Contributions received by a candidate's leadership committee may be  
22 expended for any lawful purpose, but such funds shall not be used, loaned, or  
23 pledged by any person for any personal use that is unrelated to any of the following:

24 (i) Holding of the candidate's public office or party position.

25 (ii) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

26 (iii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer other than the  
27 candidate.

28 (iv) Making contributions to another candidate's principal campaign  
29 committee, a committee other than the elected official's principal campaign

1 committee and any subsidiary committee thereof or an independent expenditure only  
2 committee.

3 (v) A gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

4 (e) Making donations to any organization qualifying under Section 501 of the  
5 United States Internal Revenue Code.

6 (f) Lobbying.

7 (g) Administrative costs or operating expenses of the leadership committee.

8 (c) Contributions received by a political committee, other than a candidate's  
9 principal committee or a subsidiary committee thereof, may be expended for any  
10 lawful purpose, but such funds shall not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person  
11 for any use unrelated to any of the following:

12 (i) Supporting or opposing a proposition, political party, or candidacy of any  
13 person.

14 (ii) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters

15 (iii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

16 (iv) Contributions to a candidate's principal campaign committee, to a  
17 leadership committee or an independent expenditure only committee.

18 (v) Contributions to a gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

19 (vi) Donations to an organization qualifying under Section 501 of the United  
20 State Internal Revenue Code.

21 (vii) Lobbying.

22 (viii) Administrative costs or operating expenses of the political committee.

23 (d) Contributions received by an independent expenditure only committee  
24 may be expended for any lawful purpose, but such funds shall not be used, loaned,  
25 or pledged by any person for any use unrelated to any of the following:

26 (i) Supporting or opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or  
27 election of a person to public office.

28 (ii) Supporting or opposing a proposition to question submitted to the voters.

29 (iii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

1           (iv) Contributions to a leadership committee or another independent  
2           expenditure only committee.

3           (v) Contributions to a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

4           (vi) Donations to an organization qualifying under Section 501 of the United  
5           States Internal Revenue Code.

6           (vii) Lobbying.

7           (viii) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the independent  
8           expenditure only committee.

9           (e) Contributions received by a candidate or a committee may be returned  
10          to contributors.

11          (f) Excess campaign contributions received by a candidate or a candidate's  
12          principal campaign committee and not expended during a party primary, primary, or  
13          general election may be maintained in a segregated fund or a fund of the candidate's  
14          principal campaign committee for use in future political campaigns, activity related  
15          to preparing for future candidacy to elective office, or for any lawful purpose, but  
16          such funds shall not be used for any personal use unrelated to any of the following:

17               (i) Supporting or nominating the candidate for election to a public office.

18               (ii) A political campaign supporting or opposing, or otherwise influencing the  
19               nomination or election of a person to public office.

20               (iii) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the  
21               voters.

22               (iv) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.

23               (v) Contributions to another candidate's principal campaign committee or to  
24               a political committee or an independent expenditure only committee.

25               (vi) Contributions to a gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

26               (vii) Donations to an organization qualifying under section 501 of the United  
27               States Internal Revenue Code.

28               (viii) Lobbying.

29               (ix) The holding of a public office or party position.

- 1           (x) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee.
- 2           (g) The following expenditures shall not be considered to be personal use by  
3           the candidate:
- 4           (i) Expenses related to the attendance of political or professional events for  
5           the candidates and any accompanying spouse and children, including:
- 6           (aa) Washington Mardi Gras.
- 7           (bb) Political party conventions, caucuses, and conferences.
- 8           (cc) Conventions and conferences of professional associations for  
9           officeholders or governmental officials.
- 10          (dd) Conventions and conferences of issue or social advocacy groups.
- 11          (ii) Reasonable costs of security measures for a candidate, elected official,  
12          or member of their family, or campaign employees, including, but not limited to:
- 13          (aa) Non-structural security devices, such as security hardware, locks, alarm  
14          systems, motion detectors, and security camera systems.
- 15          (bb) Structural security devices, such as wiring, lighting, gates, doors, and  
16          fencing, so long as such devices are intended solely to provide security and not to  
17          improve the property or increase its value.
- 18          (cc) Security personnel and services that are bona fide, legitimate, and  
19          professional.
- 20          (dd) Cybersecurity software, devices, and services.
- 21          (h) The following expenditures shall be considered to be personal use by the  
22          candidate:
- 23          (i) Household food items or supplies.
- 24          (ii) Funeral, cremation, or burial expenses except those incurred for a  
25          candidate or an employee or volunteer of an authorized committee whose death  
26          arises out of, or in the course of, campaign activity.
- 27          (iii) Clothing, other than items of de minimis value that are used in the  
28          campaign, such as campaign "T-shirts" or caps with campaign slogans, or specialized

1 apparel necessary to attend a specific fundraising event or event related to the  
2 holding of office.

3 (iv) Tuition payments, other than those associated with training campaign  
4 staff.

5 (v) Mortgage, rent or utility payments:

6 (aa) For any part of any personal residence of the candidate or a member of  
7 the candidate's family.

8 (bb) For real or personal property that is owned by the candidate or a  
9 member of the candidate's family and used for campaign purposes, to the extent the  
10 payments exceed the fair market value of the property usage.

11 (vi) Dues, fees or gratuities at a country club, health club, recreational  
12 facility or other nonpolitical organization, unless they are part of the costs of a  
13 specific fundraising event that takes place on the organization's premises or as part  
14 of organizational activities.

15 (vii) The use of campaign funds of a candidate or his principal or subsidiary  
16 committees to reimburse a candidate for expenses related to his political campaign  
17 or his holding of a public office or party position;

18 (viii) If a candidate or committee is required by state or federal law to pay  
19 taxes on the interest earned by campaign funds of the candidate or the funds of any  
20 committee, the use of the interest by the candidate or committee on which such tax  
21 is paid to pay such taxes.

22 (ix) Any interest payments made to a candidate from campaign funds of such  
23 candidate or any principal campaign committee or leadership committee of such  
24 candidate on loans made by the candidate to his campaign, his principal campaign  
25 committee, or his leadership committee, shall not be considered as having been spent  
26 for personal use to the extent that the interest charged on such loans does not exceed  
27 the judicial interest rate at the time the loan was made.

28 (x) Funds used by a candidate or a principal campaign committee to replace  
29 articles lost, stolen, or damaged in connection with the campaign.





1 vehicle" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 32:781, except that "motor  
2 vehicle" shall not include a "trailer" as that term is defined in R.S. 32:1252.

3 (7) Contributions made in excess of the limits provided in this Section to a  
4 candidate, principal campaign committee, political committee, or leadership  
5 committee shall be returned by the candidate, political committee, or other person  
6 required to file reports under this Chapter to the contributor by check drawn on the  
7 campaign account. If the check is not negotiated within six months of the date of the  
8 check, the excess amount shall be presumed abandoned and shall be paid,  
9 transferred, or caused to be paid or transferred in accordance with the Uniform  
10 Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 by the candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other  
11 person required to file reports under this Chapter not later than February fifteenth of  
12 the calendar year after the calendar year in which the excess amount was presumed  
13 abandoned.

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16 (2) The supervisory committee shall institute civil proceedings to collect the  
17 civil penalties provided for in this Subsection as soon as the supervisory committee  
18 determines, as a result of its review and investigation of any sworn complaint or  
19 other document or information received by the supervisory committee, that a  
20 violation of Subsection H or I of this Section has occurred. If the supervisory  
21 committee makes a determination of such violation at least ten days prior to the  
22 election in which the candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a political committee in  
23 apparent violation is participating, the supervisory committee shall institute such  
24 civil proceedings at least by the fourth calendar day prior to the election.

25 K.(1) No person shall contribute more than one hundred thousand dollars per  
26 calendar year to any political committee or leadership committee or to any subsidiary  
27 committee of such political committee or leadership committee, ~~other than the~~  
28 ~~principal or any subsidiary committee of a candidate.~~ Such limitation on a  
29 contribution shall not apply to any contribution from a national political party

1 committee to an affiliated regional or state political committee designated to received  
 2 such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of a political party by  
 3 joint fundraising agreement or otherwise. However, during any four-year calendar  
 4 period commencing January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no political  
 5 committee or leadership committee or subsidiary of such political committee or  
 6 leadership committee, ~~other than the principal or any subsidiary committee of a~~  
 7 ~~candidate,~~ shall accept more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any  
 8 person.

9 (2) No person shall contribute more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
 10 per calendar year to a recognized political party or any committee thereof designated  
 11 to receive such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political  
 12 party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise. However, during any four-year  
 13 calendar period commencing January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no  
 14 recognized political party or any committee thereof designated to receive such  
 15 contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political party by joint  
 16 fundraising agreement or otherwise shall accept more than four hundred thousand  
 17 dollars from any person.

18 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to contributions made  
 19 by a recognized political party or any committee thereof designated to receive such  
 20 contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political party by joint  
 21 fundraising agreement or otherwise.

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24 (2) No person to whom this Subsection is applicable as provided in  
 25 Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall make a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds,  
 26 including but not limited to any in-kind contribution, as defined in this Chapter, to  
 27 any candidate, any ~~political~~ principal campaign committee of any such candidate, or  
 28 any subsidiary committee thereof, any leadership committee, or to any other political  
 29 committee which supports or opposes any candidate. This Section shall not prohibit

1 contributions made to any account of a political committee affiliated with a  
2 recognized political party organized under the laws of another jurisdiction, where the  
3 account is segregated and no funds from such segregated account are used to support  
4 or oppose any candidate in this state or any political committee of any candidate in  
5 this state, provided that any person to whom this Section applies shall expressly  
6 request, prior to making a contribution, that such political committee shall not use  
7 such funds to support or oppose any candidate or any political committee of any  
8 candidate in Louisiana.

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10 (4) This Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure by a candidate for his  
11 own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by a candidate to his own  
12 ~~political~~ principal campaign committee or leadership committee.

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14 M.(1) No foreign national shall, directly or through any other person, make  
15 any contribution of money or other thing of value, or promise expressly or impliedly,  
16 any such contribution; made as follows:

17 (a) ~~in~~ In connection with an election to any political office or in connection  
18 with any ~~primary~~ election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any  
19 political office;

20 (b) In connection with a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

21 (c) In connection with the recall of a public officer.

22 (d) To any committee.

23 (e) To a gubernatorial transition and inauguration as authorized by R.S.  
24 18:1501.3.

25 (2) ~~nor shall any~~ No person shall solicit, accept, or receive any ~~such~~  
26 contribution provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection from such foreign  
27 national.

28 (2) (3) As used in this Subsection, "foreign national" means:

1 (a) A foreign principal such as a government of a foreign country or a  
2 foreign political party, except that "foreign national" shall not mean any individual  
3 except an individual described in Subparagraphs (c), (d), or (e) of this Paragraph.

4 (b) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other  
5 combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of  
6 business in a foreign country, unless authorized and qualified to do business in  
7 Louisiana.

8 (c) An individual who is not a citizen of the United States and who is not  
9 lawfully admitted for permanent residence and accorded the privilege of residing  
10 permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

11 (d) An individual:

12 (i) Who is a citizen of a foreign government determined by the United States  
13 secretary of commerce to have engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances  
14 of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or  
15 security and safety of the United States person as listed in 15 CFR §7.4  
16 Determination of Foreign Adversaries, as amended or renumbered.

17 (ii) Who is a citizen of a foreign government designated a state sponsor of  
18 terrorism under Section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act; and

19 (iii) Who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence and accorded the  
20 privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.

21 (e) Any foreign non-government person, including an individual, determined  
22 by the United States secretary of commerce to have engaged in a long-term pattern  
23 or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the  
24 United States or security and safety of United States persons as listed in 15 CFR §7.4  
25 Determination of Foreign Adversaries, as amended and renumbered.

26 (f) Any foreign terrorist organization as designated by the United States  
27 secretary of state in accordance with Section 219 of the United States Immigration  
28 and Nationality Act, Section 40 of the United States Arms Export Control Act, or  
29 Section 620(A) of the United States Foreign Assistance Act.

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(3)(a) Any person who makes a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds in violation of this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.5 and R.S. 18:1505.6.

(b) If a candidate, committee, or person required to file reports is notified by the supervisory committee that a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to such candidate, committee, or person was made in violation of this Subsection, such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds shall escheat to the state. Any such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or an amount equal thereto, shall be paid over to the state by the recipient candidate, committee, or other person required to file reports within ten business days after the recipient candidate, committee, or person required to file reports is notified by the supervisory committee that the contribution, loan, or transfer of funds was made by a person prohibited by this Subsection from making such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds.

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O.(1) A fine, fee, or penalty assessed for a violation of this Chapter shall be paid only by the person against whom the fine, fee, or penalty was assessed. All such fines, fees, or penalties may be paid only with the personal funds of such person or with contributions to the candidate, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or the candidate's, leadership committee in accordance with Subsection I of this Section; however, the supervisory committee may prohibit a candidate or elected official from using contributions received by, or other campaign funds of, such candidate or elected official or the principal or a subsidiary campaign committee or leadership committee of such candidate or elected official to pay a fine, fee, or penalty, assessed for a violation of this Chapter upon a finding that the violation was intentional or egregious.

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1 P. No funds contributed which are subject to the Federal Election Campaign  
 2 Act of 1971, as amended, to or for a person who seeks election to an office subject  
 3 to the provisions of said Act shall be transferred, loaned, or contributed by a  
 4 candidate, his agent, or his federal campaign committee to the candidate, any  
 5 ~~political~~ principal campaign committee of such candidate, or to any other political  
 6 committee which supports election of the candidate; nor shall the candidate, his  
 7 federal campaign committee, or his agent use such funds to otherwise support his  
 8 candidacy.

9 Q.(1) No legislator or any principal or subsidiary campaign committee of a  
 10 legislator shall accept or deposit a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds or accept  
 11 and use any in-kind contribution, as defined in this Chapter, for his own campaign  
 12 during a regular legislative session.

13 (2) If a legislator or any principal or subsidiary committee of a legislator  
 14 ~~receives~~ accepts or deposits a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds during a regular  
 15 legislative session in violation of this Subsection, the legislator shall return such  
 16 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to the contributor within ten days after the  
 17 receipt of such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds. Any contribution, loan, or  
 18 transfer of funds so returned shall not be deemed to be accepted.

19 (3)(a)(i) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure  
 20 by a legislator for his own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by  
 21 a legislator to his own ~~political~~ principal campaign committee or leadership  
 22 committee.

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26 (2) If the governor or any principal or subsidiary committee of the governor  
 27 ~~receives~~ accepts or deposits a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds in violation of  
 28 this Subsection, the governor shall return such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds  
 29 to the contributor within ten days after the receipt of such contribution, loan, or

1 transfer of funds. Any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds so returned shall not  
2 be deemed to be accepted.

3 (3)(a)(i) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure  
4 by the governor for his own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by  
5 the governor to his own ~~political~~ principal campaign committee or leadership  
6 committee.

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8 §1505.3. Subterfuge to avoid compliance with Chapter

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10 B. As more specifically provided in R.S. 18:1491.2(B) no political  
11 committee or independent expenditure only committee shall dissolve and reorganize  
12 under a modified name, charter, or organizational structure as a subterfuge to avoid  
13 the reporting and other requirements of this Chapter. The chairman of any  
14 committee(s) which violates the provisions of said Subsection B shall be subject to  
15 the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.4, R.S. 18:1505.5, and R.S. 18:1505.6.

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17 D.(1)(a) No public relations firm, advertising agency, media buyer, or other  
18 person who purchases media advertising time or space shall accept payment for  
19 placing any advertisement which purports to be paid for by a particular candidate or  
20 ~~political~~ committee from any source other than such candidate or ~~political~~  
21 committee.

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23 (2)(a)(i) No person shall pay for an advertisement which purports to be paid  
24 for by a particular candidate or ~~political~~ committee without the consent of such  
25 candidate or ~~political~~ committee.

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27 (b) If a publisher or broadcaster of an advertisement which purports to be  
28 paid for by a particular candidate or ~~political~~ committee accepts payment for such  
29 an advertisement from any source other than such candidate or ~~political~~ committee,

1 the publisher or broadcaster shall require, prior to publishing or broadcasting the  
2 advertisement, that the person making the payment provide a written statement  
3 containing the following:

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5 (ii) A statement that the advertisement is being run with the knowledge and  
6 consent of the candidate or ~~political~~ committee which the advertisement purports has  
7 paid for the advertisement.

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9 §1505.4. Civil penalties; failure to file; timely and accurate filing; forfeiture

10 A.(1) Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or  
11 any other person required to file any reports under this Chapter, who knowingly fails  
12 to file or who knowingly fails to timely file any such reports as are required by this  
13 Chapter may be assessed a civil penalty as provided in R.S. 18:1511.4.1 for each day  
14 until such report is filed.

15 (2)(a) The amount of such penalty may be:

16 (i) One hundred dollars per day, not to exceed two thousand five hundred  
17 dollars, for each candidate for major office and any treasurer or chairman of any  
18 ~~political~~ committee designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary  
19 committee of such a candidate.

20 (ii) Sixty dollars per day, not to exceed one thousand dollars, for any  
21 candidate for district office and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee  
22 designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a  
23 candidate.

24 (iii) Forty dollars per day, not to exceed five hundred dollars, for any  
25 candidate for all other offices and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~  
26 committee designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee  
27 of such a candidate.

28 (iv) Forty dollars per day, not to exceed one thousand dollars, for any person  
29 or the treasurer or chairman of any political committee or independent expenditure





1 (1) Not in excess of five hundred dollars for each candidate for a major  
2 office and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a  
3 principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

4 (2) Not in excess of three hundred dollars for any candidate for district office  
5 and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a principal  
6 campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

7 (3) Not in excess of one hundred dollars for any candidate for all other  
8 offices and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a  
9 principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

10 (4) Not in excess of one hundred dollars for any person or any treasurer or  
11 chairman of any ~~political~~ committee, not supporting or opposing a candidate, but  
12 only supporting or opposing ~~any proposition or question submitted to the voters or~~  
13 any recall of a public officer.

14 (5) Not in excess of one thousand dollars for the treasurer or chairman of any  
15 ~~political~~ committee supporting or opposing a candidate, other than a candidate's  
16 principal or subsidiary campaign committee.

17 C.(1)(a) If a person, other than a ~~political~~ committee, required to file is  
18 supporting or opposing a candidate or candidates, the penalty applicable to such  
19 candidate or candidates as provided in Paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of Subsection B of  
20 this Section shall apply.

21 (b) If a person, other than a ~~political~~ committee, required to file is supporting  
22 or opposing candidates with different penalty levels, the penalty shall be the highest  
23 penalty for any such candidates.

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25 §1505.6. Criminal penalties

26 A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a  
27 ~~political~~ committee, or any other person required to file reports under this Part to  
28 knowingly, wilfully, and fraudulently fail to file or knowingly, wilfully, and  
29 fraudulently fail to timely file any such report.

1 (2) Any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or any  
2 other person required to file reports under this Chapter who knowingly, wilfully, and  
3 fraudulently fails to file such report or knowingly, wilfully, and fraudulently fails to  
4 file such report timely shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to not more than six  
5 months in a parish jail or to pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or both.

6 B.(1) It shall be unlawful for any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a  
7 ~~political~~ committee, or any other person required to file reports under the Chapter  
8 knowingly, wilfully, and fraudulently to fail to disclose, or knowingly, wilfully, and  
9 fraudulently to disclose inaccurately, any information required to be disclosed in the  
10 reports required by this Chapter.

11 (2) Any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or any  
12 other person required to file such reports who knowingly, wilfully, and fraudulently  
13 fails to disclose any such information or who knowingly, wilfully, and fraudulently  
14 fails to accurately disclose such information shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to  
15 not in excess of six months in the parish jail or to pay a fine of not more than five  
16 hundred dollars, or both.

17 C. Any candidate, chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, treasurer, person  
18 required to file reports under this Chapter, or any other person who knowingly,  
19 wilfully, and fraudulently violates any provision of R.S. 18:1505.2 or R.S.  
20 18:1505.3, or any other provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be  
21 sentenced to not in excess of six months in the parish jail or to pay a fine of not more  
22 than five hundred dollars, or both.

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24 §1511.2. Supervisory Committee; rule-making authority; advisory opinions;  
25 inquiries

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27 B. The supervisory committee may render an advisory opinion concerning  
28 the application of a general provision of this Chapter, or a general provision  
29 prescribed as a rule or regulation by the committee. The supervisory committee shall

1 publish its advisory opinions on its website in an easily searchable format. The  
2 supervisory committee may render an opinion in response to a request by any public  
3 official, any candidate for public office, any political committee, or the committee  
4 may render an advisory opinion on its own initiative. Such an opinion shall not  
5 constitute a rule under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and the  
6 supervisory committee shall not be subject to that Act in carrying out the provisions  
7 of this Subsection.

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9 D. The supervisory committee shall periodically review the following  
10 towards considering and drafting rulemakings:

11 (1) Aggregated data regarding investigations, including:

12 (a) Aggregated data regarding number of complaints received.

13 (b) Aggregated data regarding number of investigations.

14 (c) Aggregated data regarding number of fines.

15 (d) Aggregated data regarding number of fine wavers.

16 (e) Aggregated data regarding number and nature of court proceedings  
17 regarding investigations.

18 (f) Aggregated data regarding categories of alleged violations yielding  
19 investigations.

20 (2) Aggregated data regarding charges:

21 (a) Aggregated data regarding number of charges

22 (b) Aggregated data regarding length of proceedings resulting from charges.

23 (c) Aggregated data regarding categories of alleged violations yielding  
24 charges.

25 (3) Advisory opinions issued by the supervisory committee.

26 (4) Judgements and opinions by state and federal courts interpreting the  
27 Louisiana Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

28 (5) Federal Election Commission rulemakings regarding provisions of the  
29 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.



1 committee shall consider whether the evidence at hand is vague or weak, as well as  
2 the strength and merits of any letter, memorandum, or evidence submitted by the  
3 respondent. A potential violation of this Chapter warrants an investigation if the  
4 supervisory committee finds all of the following:

5 (aa) That the supervisory committee will more likely than not find that the  
6 respondent has not already cured any potential violation of this Chapter, or despite  
7 subsequent cure by the respondent, the respondent committed the violation  
8 intentionally or recklessly.

9 (bb) That based on the information available the supervisory committee will  
10 more likely than not find a significant violation of this Chapter that if not  
11 investigated would threaten the purpose of this Chapter. The supervisory committee  
12 shall consider the expense likely to be incurred by the respondent and the taxpayer  
13 from the investigation, as well as the effect of the investigation upon the  
14 constitutional rights being exercised by the respondent and other citizens in the  
15 actions to be investigated, weighed against the severity of the potential violation in  
16 both amount, frequency, and nature.

17 (cc) That investigating the potential violation of this Chapter would support  
18 the purposes of this Chapter.

19 (dd) That the resources of the supervisory committee are better spent on  
20 investigation of this potential violation versus the investigation of other potential  
21 violations of this Chapter.

22 (ii) If the supervisory committee finds no reason to believe that ~~a violation~~  
23 ~~of this Chapter has occurred~~ the respondent has committed a violation of this Chapter  
24 warranting an investigation, or otherwise terminates its proceedings, it shall so  
25 advise the complainant and any respondent named in the complaint by letter.

26 ~~(i)~~ (iii) If the supervisory committee determines by an affirmative vote of  
27 two-thirds of its membership that it has reason to believe that ~~a respondent has~~  
28 ~~violated this Chapter~~ the respondent has committed a violation of this Chapter  
29 warranting an investigation, the supervisory committee shall notify the respondent

1 of its finding by letter, identifying the provision of law alleged to have been violated  
2 and the alleged factual basis supporting the finding, including reference to any  
3 specific transactions identified as a violation. The letter shall be prefaced by advising  
4 the respondent that the respondent may exercise his constitutional right to council  
5 and may exercise his constitutional right no to incriminate himself.

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7 C.(1) Pursuant to its authority under this Chapter the supervisory committee  
8 shall have the power and authority to hold hearings, to subpoena witnesses,  
9 administer oaths, compel the production of books, records, and papers, public and  
10 private, require the submission under oath of written reports or written answers to  
11 written questions, and to do all that is necessary to effect the provisions of this  
12 Chapter. The supervisory committee shall issue subpoenas in accordance with R.S.  
13 18:1511.4.2.

14 (2) Upon motion by an affected party including, but not limited to, a  
15 candidate, committee, any member of a committee, a prospective witness or any  
16 person whose books, records, papers, or other documents are the subject of any  
17 subpoena, and for good cause shown, any district court within the jurisdiction of  
18 which any inquiry is being conducted may make any order which justice requires to  
19 protect such person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden  
20 or expense, including one or more of the following:

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22 (f) That the Ethics Adjudicatory Board pay the costs and attorneys' fees of  
23 the affected party.

24 (3) For purposes of this Subsection, "undue burden or expense" includes  
25 subjecting a candidate to inquiry, over objection, when the Ethics Adjudicatory  
26 Board has not exhausted inquiry upon sources other than the candidate, or the Ethics  
27 Adjudicatory Board cannot establish that the candidate has personal knowledge of  
28 relevant information, or the Ethics Adjudicatory Board cannot demonstrate that the

1 candidate is uniquely able to provide relevant information that cannot be obtained  
2 from other sources.

3 ~~D. Upon petition by the supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel of~~  
4 ~~the Ethics Adjudicatory Board any district court within the jurisdiction of which any~~  
5 ~~inquiry is being carried on may, in case of refusal to obey a subpoena or order of the~~  
6 ~~supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board~~  
7 ~~issued pursuant to this Chapter, issue an order requiring compliance. Any failure to~~  
8 ~~obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. The~~  
9 ~~Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall waive, upon request by the petitioning affected~~  
10 ~~party, any right to be served by any means other than email transmission, and shall~~  
11 ~~provide an email address at which the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall accept~~  
12 ~~service.~~

13 §1511.4.1. Enforcement; failure to file; failure to timely file

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17 (3) The Ethics Adjudicatory Board, or a panel thereof, shall have the power  
18 and authority to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, compel the production of  
19 books, records, and papers, public and private, require the submission under oath of  
20 written reports or written answers to written questions, and to do all that is necessary  
21 to effect the provisions of this Chapter. The supervisory committee shall issue  
22 subpoenas in accordance with R.S. 18:1511.4.2.

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24 E. The Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall waive, upon request by the  
25 respondent, witness, or counsel for the respondent or witness, any right to be served  
26 by any means other than email transmission, and shall provide an email address at  
27 which the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall accept service.

28 §1511.4.2. Subpoenas



1           A. The supervisory committee shall only subpoena witnesses, compel the  
2           production of books, records, and papers, or require the submission under oath of  
3           written reports or answers to questions, upon a two-thirds vote of its membership  
4           findings that the importance of the information sought outweighs the burden of  
5           producing the information. In determining whether the importance of the information  
6           sought outweighs the burden of producing the information, the committee shall  
7           consider all of the following:

8                   (1) The importance of the information in determining whether a potential  
9                   violation has occurred.

10                   (2) The severity and significance of the potential violation or series of  
11                   violations.

12                   (3) The burden or expense of producing or compiling the information.

13                   (4) Whether the information can be produced by another source with less  
14                   burden or expense.

15                   (5) Whether the information can be produced by a source other than the  
16                   candidate.

17           B. The respondent or any witness upon whom written questions have been  
18           propounded, by subpoena or otherwise, shall serve a copy of the written answers and  
19           objections, if any, within thirty days after the service of the questions.

20                   C.(1) The respondent or any witness upon whom a subpoena has been served  
21                   to compel the production of books, records, or papers shall serve a copy of the  
22                   responses and objections, if any, within thirty days after the service of the subpoena.

23                   (2) The respondent or any witness upon whom a subpoena has been served  
24                   requiring the submission under oath of written reports shall produce the written  
25                   reports within thirty days after the service of the subpoena.

26                   (3) The respondent shall promptly receive a copy of any questions  
27                   propounded or subpoenas served upon any witness, as well as any answers,  
28                   objections, books, records, or papers, or written reports produced, or transcripts or  
29                   recordings of answers to questions produced under oath.

1           (4) Any demand, request, or subpoena propounded upon a respondent or  
2           witness, orally or in writing, shall be prefaced with advising the respondent or  
3           witness that the respondent or witness may exercise his constitutional right to  
4           counsel and may exercise his constitutional right not to incriminate himself.

5           (5) The respondent or any witness may consent to an oral examination under  
6           oath under conditions agreed upon by the respondent or witness, including that the  
7           examination occur in a certain place, at a certain time, by phone or video conference,  
8           or with counsel present, and promptly receive a copy of the transcript or audio  
9           recording.

10           D.(1) Upon petition by the supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel  
11           of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board any district court within the jurisdiction of which  
12           any inquiry is being carried on may, in case of refusal to obey a subpoena or order  
13           of the supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel of the Ethics Adjudicatory  
14           Board issued pursuant to this Chapter, issue an order requiring compliance. Any  
15           failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt  
16           thereof.

17           (2) Before filing any petition to order compliance with a subpoena or order,  
18           counsel for the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall confer in person, by telephone, or  
19           by videoconference with the respondent, witness, or counsel for the respondent or  
20           witness, if represented, for the purpose of amicably resolving the dispute over the  
21           alleged failure of the respondent or witness to obey the subpoena or order. The  
22           counsel for the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall attempt to arrange a suitable  
23           conference date with the respondent, witness, or counsel for the respondent or  
24           witness, and confirm the date by written notice sent at least five days before the  
25           conference date, unless an earlier date is agreed upon by the respondent, witness, or  
26           counsel for the respondent or witness. If by telephone or videoconference, the  
27           conference shall be initiated by the counsel for the Ethics Adjudicatory Board. The  
28           Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall waive, upon request by the respondent, witness, or  
29           counsel for the respondent or witness, any right to be served by any means other than

1 email transmission, and shall provide an email address at which the Ethics  
2 Adjudicatory Board shall accept service.

3 §1511.5. Procedure for enforcement; civil

4 A.(1)(a) When the results of the investigation by the supervisory committee  
5 indicate that a violation of this Chapter has occurred which is subject to civil  
6 penalties, the supervisory committee is authorized to file administrative proceedings  
7 to collect the civil penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.4 or 1505.5.

8 (b) Before the supervisory committee files administrative proceedings, the  
9 supervisory committee shall:

10 (i) Provide the respondent with the final report of the staff of the supervisory  
11 committee to the supervisory committee summarizing and analyzing the  
12 investigation of the alleged violation by respondent.

13 (ii) Provide the respondent with an opportunity to submit a brief response to  
14 the final report of the staff.

15 (iii) Provide the respondent with an opportunity to briefly make a statement  
16 before the supervisory committee to address the final report of the staff and any  
17 factual or legal issues relevant to the alleged violation by the respondent. Such  
18 statement may be made in person or by telephone or videoconference during  
19 executive session of the supervisory committee, unless the respondent requests that  
20 his comments be made in open session. Statements made by the respondent in  
21 executive session shall not be recorded and shall not be used against the respondent  
22 in subsequent proceedings.

23 \* \* \*

24 B. In determining the amount of the civil penalty to be assessed, the Ethics  
25 Adjudicatory Board or district court shall take into consideration the reason for the  
26 failure to file timely, the reason for failing to disclose required information, the  
27 reason for inaccurately disclosing required information, the nature of the office  
28 sought by the candidate, the nature of the office or offices supported or opposed by  
29 a political committee or other person, the significance of the information undisclosed

1 or inaccurately disclosed to the voting public, ~~and~~ whether or not the candidate, the  
 2 chairman or treasurer of the political committee, or other person actually has filed  
 3 a report or disclosed such information prior to the election or prior to the institution  
 4 of the administrative proceeding or rule to show ~~cause~~ cause, the number and  
 5 frequency of past violations, the amount, the amount that was not disclosed or  
 6 disclosed untimely in relation to the total contributions received, and the impact of  
 7 the violation upon any election and the electoral process.

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9 Section 2. R.S. 18:1483(8), 1491.6(C)(introductory paragraph),  
 10 1501.1(C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(H)(1)(c) and (2)(e) through (g), (3)(a)(i) and (iii)  
 11 through (vii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1483. Definitions

13 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given  
 14 to each in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 \* \* \*

16 (8) "Election" means any party primary, primary, general, special, or other  
 17 election held, pursuant to the laws of this state or a parish or municipal charter or  
 18 ordinance or a court order, to choose a public officer or nominee. ~~For purposes of~~  
 19 ~~the reporting requirements for the support or opposition of a proposition or question~~  
 20 ~~submitted to the voters, "election" shall also mean any primary, general, or special~~  
 21 ~~election, except local option elections held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3~~  
 22 ~~of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, at which a proposition or~~  
 23 ~~question is submitted to the voters in accordance with Chapters 6-A, 6-B, and 6-C~~  
 24 ~~of this Code.~~

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26 §1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods

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28 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a  
 29 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the

1 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary  
 2 election and extending through midnight of a second party primary election day, if  
 3 applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior  
 4 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, each  
 5 political committee, principal campaign committee, or independent expenditure only  
 6 committee which is participating in the election shall file a report with the  
 7 supervisory committee of:

8 \* \* \*

9 §1501.1. Reports by persons not candidates or committees

10 \* \* \*

11 C. In addition to the reports filed in accordance with Subsection B of this  
 12 Section, during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a  
 13 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the  
 14 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary  
 15 election and extending through midnight of the second party primary election day,  
 16 if applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior  
 17 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, any  
 18 person, other than a candidate or ~~a political~~ an independent expenditure only  
 19 committee, who makes any expenditure or who accepts a contribution, other than to  
 20 or from a candidate or to or from a political committee, shall file a report with the  
 21 supervisory committee of:

22 \* \* \*

23 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

24 \* \* \*

25 H.(1)

26 \* \* \*

27 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the  
 28 contribution limit for contributions made to an unsuccessful major office candidate,  
 29 or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of such



1 (iii) For purposes of this Subsection, for candidates for a primary party office  
2 ~~and office, principal campaign committees, political committees and independent~~  
3 expenditure only committees that participate in a second party primary, the reporting  
4 period for the second party primary election shall be deemed to begin the day  
5 following the primary election.

6 (iv) For purposes of this Subsection, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal  
7 campaign committees, political committees and independent expenditure only  
8 committees that participate in a general election, the reporting period for the general  
9 election shall be deemed to begin the day following the primary election at which the  
10 candidate qualified for the general election, except that for a nonparty primary  
11 candidate, the reporting period for the general election shall be deemed to begin the  
12 day that the candidate became a candidate for a party primary office.

13 (v) For purposes of this Subsection, if a judgment orders only a new general  
14 election, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal campaign committees, political  
15 committees, and independent expenditure only committees that participate in the  
16 court-ordered general election, the reporting period shall be deemed to begin the day  
17 following the rendering of the judgment.

18 (vi) For purposes of this Subsection, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal  
19 campaign committees, political committees, and independent expenditure only  
20 committees that participate in an election held pursuant to R.S. 18:512, the reporting  
21 period for that election shall be deemed to begin the day following the general  
22 election.

23 (vii) A candidate or his principal or subsidiary campaign committee may  
24 receive contributions that are designated in ~~writing~~ writing, or made in accordance  
25 with a properly noticed joint fundraising agreement for use in connection with either  
26 the general election or primary election in a single election cycle or, for a party  
27 primary office, with either a party primary, the primary, or the general election, as  
28 provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.1.

29 \* \* \*

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 Section 3. R.S. 18:1483(15)(d), 1486(C)(1) and (2)(d) are hereby repealed in their  
2 entirety.

3 Section 4. The Louisiana State Law Institute is authorized and directed to arrange in  
4 alphabetical order and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 18:1481 and to correct any  
5 cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions  
6 of this Act.

7 Section 5. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon the effective date of Act  
8 No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Present law (Campaign Finance Disclosure Act) provides, generally for public disclosure of the financing of election campaigns and to regulate certain campaign practices.

Proposed law provides that the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act is penal in nature and that, in the interest of respecting the constitutional rights of free speech and due process, that the regulation of campaign finance shall be interpreted narrowly, strictly, and any ambiguity in favor of any person accused of any violation of present law, and that no deference shall be afforded in present law by any agency enforcing present law, including the supervisory committee on campaign finance (supervisory committee).

**Definitions**

Present law provides for terminology used throughout the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Present law defines both "political committee" and "committee" as two or more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any legal entity organized for the primary purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which does either of the following:

- (1) Accepts contributions in the name of the committee, or makes expenditures from committee funds or in the name of the committee, or makes a transfer of funds to or receives a transfer of funds from another committee, or receives or makes loans in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 within any calendar year.
- (2) Accepts direct payments for personal services related to an election or a campaign in the name of the committee in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 within any calendar year, with exceptions.



Proposed law retains present law definition of "political committee", except to increase the threshold amount of contributions and expenditures received within a calendar year to \$1,000, rather than \$500 and provides a new definition for "committee". Proposed law provides that "political committee" does not include independent expenditure only committees, leadership committees, or principal campaign committees.

Present law provides that political party committees that receive contributions or make expenditures of \$500 within a calendar year are "political committees". Proposed law increases the threshold amount of contributions and expenditures to \$2,500 within a calendar year.

Proposed law defines "committee" as any association, political party, or other group of one or more persons, which receives or anticipates receiving contributions and makes or anticipates making expenditures, and has the major purpose of making contributions to or expenditures to or on behalf of any state or local elected official, candidate, campaign, or other committee. A person shall not be a committee if the person makes expenditures for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls using only the person's general revenues and does not receive contributions for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls.

Proposed law provides that independent expenditure only committees, leadership committees, political committees, and principal campaign committees are "committees".

Present law defines "contribution" as a gift, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or anything of value, or the forgiveness of a loan or of a debt, made for the following purposes:

- (1) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to public office. Proposed law revises present law so that contributions made to a candidate are considered "contributions" only if made for purposes of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing that candidate.
- (2) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters. Proposed law repeals present law.
- (3) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer, whether made before or after the election. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law additionally provides that a gift, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or anything of value, or the forgiveness of a loan or of a debt, made to any of the following is considered a "contribution":

- (1) A committee.
- (2) Any person for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to public office.

Present law also defines "contribution" as an in-kind contributions having a monetary value of \$25. Proposed law limits this definition so that it only applies to in-kind contributions made to a committee and increases the minimum value to \$50.

Present law further defines "contributions" as the donation of services and tangible property valued at \$25. Proposed law increases the minimum value to \$50.

Present law further defines "contributions" as expenditures made by any person in cooperation, consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, his authorized political committees, or their agents and shall be considered to be a contribution to such candidate. Proposed law limits present law definition so that it only applies if the

expenditure is made for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of the candidate.

Present law defines "expenditure" as a purchase, payment, advance, deposit, or gift, of money or anything of value made for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to public office, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer, whether made before or after the election.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead defines "expenditure" as made by a committee or made by a candidate or any other person for paid advertising disseminated through any federally regulated broadcast media, mass mailings, phone banks, or paid digital advertising or publication paid print advertising of a certain nature

Present law further defines "expenditure" as in-kind expenditures and the donation of services and tangible property valued at \$25. Proposed law increases the minimum value to \$50.

Present law provides that "expenditures" do not include any communication by any membership organization or business entity to its employees, members, or stockholders, if such membership organization or business entity is not organized primarily for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to public office

Proposed law retains present law and further exempts communications made to the organization or entity's directors and the family members of the employees, members, stockholders, and directors.

Proposed law further exempts communications disseminated by a church unless the church's expenditures are used to appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate. Further provides that present law shall not require a church to disclose the identities, donations, or contributions of members of the church.

Present law provides that "loan" means a transfer of money, property, or anything of value in exchange for an obligation to repay in whole or in part, made for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to public office, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer, whether made before or after the election.

Proposed law revises present law definition so that loans made to a candidate are considered "loans" only if made for purposes of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing that candidate.

Present law provides for when a candidate is considered to have participated in an election from which he has withdrawn. Proposed law retains present law and provides for "participation" for purposes of withdrawing from a closed party primary.

Present law provides for when political committees are considered to have participated in an election. Proposed law retains present law and provides for "participation" for purposes of closed party primaries.

Proposed law defines "coordinated expenditure", "express advocacy", "major purpose" and "personal use". Provides for the definition of "foreign national".

## **Committees**

Present law requires committees that anticipate receiving or expending more than \$500 a year to file a statement of organization. Proposed law increases the threshold amount that requires filing a statement of organization to \$1,000 a year.

### **Joint Fundraising**

Proposed law authorizes committees to, pursuant to a written joint fundraising agreement, engage in joint fundraising efforts with other committees, committees registered with the Federal Election Commission, or with unregistered committees and certain organizations. Provides that contributions may be made to a joint fundraising efforts subject to present law contribution limits.

Proposed law requires participants to enter into a joint fundraising agreement establishing an allocation formula and authorizes the creation of a separate committee or a joint fundraising representative, who is responsible for ensuring that recordkeeping and reporting requirements are met.

Proposed law requires a joint fundraising committee to file a statement of organization containing certain information. Provides for the establishment of a separate committee or selection of a joint fundraising representative and their duties.

Proposed law provides for the advancement of costs and payment of expenses. Requires and provides for the contents of a joint fundraising notice.

Proposed law provides for the allocation of contributions when a participating committee is not permitted to receive such contributions or the contribution exceeds contribution limits. Provides for the distribution of funds and required reports.

### **Leadership Committees**

Proposed law establishes leadership committees. Provides that a leadership committee is a committee registered with the supervisory committee and directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained, controlled, or designated by an elected official, but which is not the principal campaign committee of the elected official and does not make expenditures in support of the candidacy of the elected official, which makes expenditures related to the holding of a public office or party position, supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters, supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer other than the candidate, making contributions to another candidate's principal campaign committee, a committee other than the elected official's principal campaign committee, an independent expenditure only committee, a gubernatorial transition and inauguration, make charitable donation, lobbying, or administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee.

Proposed law requires the statement of organization and reports of a leadership committee to identify the elected official with whom the committee is affiliated.

Present law requires committees other than a candidate's principal campaign committee to clearly indicate to the candidate that the contribution is from a political committee by designation on or notification on the contribution. Proposed law does not apply to contributions made to a candidate by a leadership committee.

Present law requires committees to file reports with the supervisory committee on certain dates. Proposed law does not require leadership committees to file reports on such dates and instead requires leadership committees to file monthly reports due no later than the tenth day of the month following a month in which the committee accepts a contribution or some other receipt or makes an expenditure or some other disbursement.

Proposed law provides for permitted expenditures by a leadership committee.

**Propositions or questions submitted to the voters**

Present law regulates and limits contributions made for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters. Proposed law repeals present law.

**Candidate disclosures**

Present law requires candidates who are not a candidate for a major office or district office to file disclosure reports if they make expenditures in excess of \$2,500 or receive contributions in excess of \$200. Proposed law increases the minimum threshold for reporting of both expenditures and contributions to \$5,000.

**Recall election disclosures**

Present law provides that any person, including a political committee, who receives and accepts any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or makes any expenditure in support of or in opposition to the recall of a public officer shall be required to file reports of such contributions and expenditures of at least \$200. Proposed law increases the minimum threshold for reporting to \$5,000.

**Committee and Candidate Reports**

Present law requires committees other than leadership committees to file reports with the supervisory committee during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to an election and extending through midnight of election day identifying any person who from whom the committee received contributions, loans, and funds in excess of the following amounts:

- (1) For major office candidates: \$1,000. Proposed law increases the amount to \$2,000.
- (2) For district office candidates: \$500. Proposed law increases the amount to \$1,000.
- (3) For any other office candidates: \$250. Proposed law increases the amount to \$500.

Present law requires disclosure of any expenditure in excess of \$200 made to a candidate, committee, or person required to file reports who makes endorsements. Proposed law increases the amount to \$500.

Present law provides that a report need not be filed if the committee is dissolved or disbanded and shows a deficit or surplus of less than \$2,500. Proposed law increases the amount to \$5,000.

Present law requires reporting of contributions in the form of payroll deductions or dues checkoff system in excess of \$5. Proposed law increases the amount to \$25.

Present law provides that single transactions to purchase campaign items or materials or raffle tickets which are not in excess of \$25 must be reported on in a report of gross proceeds. Proposed law increases the amount to \$50.

Present law provides that any political committee which did not receive a contribution in excess of \$200 and which did not make expenditures totaling in excess of \$5,000 in the aggregate may file an affidavit in lieu of any report. Proposed law increases the amount of contributions to \$500 and the amount of expenditures to \$10,000.

Proposed law increases the same amounts as they apply to candidate reporting and reporting by persons other than candidates and committees.

**Reports required of other persons**

Present law provides that any person, other than a candidate or a committee, who makes any expenditure or who accepts a contribution, other than to or from a candidate or to or from a political committee, shall file reports if either said expenditures or said contributions exceed \$500 in the aggregate during the aggregating period as defined for committees.

Proposed law increases the amount to \$1,000 and limits reporting to persons who makes expenditure and accepts contributions for certain purposes.

**Contribution limits and expenditures**

Present law limits cash contributions to \$100. Proposed law increases the limit to \$200.

Present law makes various provisions related to the authorized and prohibited contributions and expenditures of a recognized political party. Proposed law provides for the same to apply to a committee designated to receive contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise.

Present law provides for authorized expenditures and for the use of excess campaign funds. Proposed law makes different and additional provisions for permitted expenditures and the use of excess campaign funds.

Proposed law provides for the authorized and prohibited personal use of campaign funds.

**Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance**

Proposed law provides for duties of the supervisory committee including reviewing specific information and consider rulemakings, posting certain information on the Board of Ethics website.

Present law provides for the supervisory committee to conduct investigations and file administrative proceedings. Proposed law provides additional criteria for the supervisory committee to consider in conducting investigations and filing administrative proceedings.

Proposed law provides for the issuance of subpoenas by the supervisory committee.

(Amends R.S. 18:1482, 1483(2)(a), (4), (6)(b), (8), (9)(b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and (iii), 15(a), (b)(ii), and (c), (16), (17)(a)(i)-(iii), (22), 1484(2)(a) and (b), the heading of 1486, 1486(A), (B), and (C)(2)(intro. para.), the title of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the La. R.S. of 1950, the heading of 1491.1, 1491.1(A), (B)(5)(d), (D), and (F), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B), (E), (I), and (J), 1491.6(A), (B)(intro. para.), (C)(intro. para.), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B)(4)(a) and (b), and (5)-(8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.3(B)(2)(a), 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2) and (D)(3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5)(a) and (b), and (9), 1495.6, 1501.1(A), (B), and (C)(intro. para.), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b) and (c), (2)(a)(intro. para.), (b)(intro. para.), (c), (e)-(g), (3)(a)(i), (iii)-(vii), and (b)-(d), (I)(5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c), (6), and (7), (J)(2), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M)(2), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.3(B), (D)(1)(a), (2)(a)(i), (b), and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a)(i)-(v), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B), and (C)(1), 1505.6(A)-(C), 1511.2(B), 1511.3(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h), (C)(1) and (2)(intro. para.), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), 1511.5(A)(1) and (B); Adds R.S. 18:1483(6)(a)(intro. para.), (i)-(iv), and (b)(v), (9)(a)(intro. para.), (i)-(v), (d)(v), (12)(intro. para.) and (a)-(c), 15(b)(iii) and (iv), (17)(b)(i) and (ii), and (25)-(31), 1491.6.1, 1491.9, 1505.2(I)(1)(a)-(i), (M)(1)(intro. para.) and (a)-(e), (3)(intro. para.), (d)-(f), and (4), 1511.2(D) and (E), 1511.4(A)(2)(h)(i)(aa)-(dd), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), 1511.4.1(E), 1511.4.2, 1511.5(A)(1)(a) and (b)(i)-(iii); Repeals R.S. 18:1483(15)(d), 1486(C)(1) and (2)(d))