

1 (C), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I), and to enact R.S. 18:1483(7)(d)(vi), 1483(33) and (34),
 2 1495.4(I), 1495.6.1, 1501.3(H), 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(ee), 1505.2(I)(1)(e)(ii)(dd),
 3 1505.2(1)(f), 1505.2(1)(g), 1505.2(1)(h), 1505.2.1(J), 1505.4(A)(2)(a)(vi) and
 4 1505.5(B)(6), and to repeal R.S. 18:1463(C)(5), relative to campaign finance; to
 5 provide relative to campaign contributions and expenditures; to define and provide
 6 for electioneering communications; to define a recognized party legislative
 7 delegation; to provide for contributions and expenditures by a delegation; to provide
 8 for contributions and expenditures under joint fundraising agreements; to define a
 9 recognized political party and parish executive committee and provide for
 10 contributions to and expenditures by a recognized political party, a parish executive
 11 committee, or leadership committee; to provide that the term committee includes a
 12 recognized political party parish executive committee, recognized party legislative
 13 delegation, or gubernatorial transition or inauguration; to provide reporting
 14 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. R.S. 18:1463(C) and (E), the introductory paragraph of 1483(3)(a),
 17 1483(6), (7)(a)(iii) and (iv), (b)(i), (ii) and (iv), (c)(ii), (8), (10), (11)(a), (b) and (c), (d)(i)
 18 and (ii), (13), (16), (17), (21)(b) and (d), (24), (26), 1491.1(A) and (D), 1491.2(A)(3)(a),
 19 1491.5(B)(2)(a) and (H), 1491.6(D)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraph of
 20 1491.6(E), 1491.6(E)(1) and (J), 1491.7(B)(4), (5), (8), (10), (13), (14) and (22), 1491.8,
 21 1491.9(C)(2), 1495.3(B)(2)(a) and (H), 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2), (D)(1), (3)(a) and (b), the
 22 introductory paragraph of 1495.4(E), 1495.4(E)(1), 1495.5(B)(5), (7), (12), (14) and (C),
 23 1495.6, 1501.1(A), the introductory paragraph of 1501.1(C), the introductory paragraph of
 24 1501.3(C), 1505.2(B)(2), (D)(3)(c), (G), (H)(1)(c), the introductory paragraph of
 25 1505.2(H)(2)(a), 1505.2(H)(2)(c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (H)(3)(a)(v), (H)(3)(c), (I)(1)(a)(iii), (iv),
 26 (v), (I)(1)(b)(i)(cc), (I)(1)(b)(iii), the introductory paragraph of 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i),
 27 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(bb), (cc) and (dd), (I)(1)(c)(ii), (I)(1)(c)(iii), (I)(1)(d)(i)(bb),
 28 (I)(1)(e)(i)(bb), (I)(1)(e)(ii)(bb) and (cc), 1505.2(I)(2)(a)(i)(dd), 1505.2(I)(2)(ii)(cc),
 29 1505.2(I)(2)(v), 1505.2(I)(5)(a), 1505.2(7), 1505.2(K), 1505.2(L)(2), 1505.2(L)(5)(a)(ii),

1 1505.2(M)(5), 1505.2(O)(1), 1505.2.1(A)(1), (B), (C), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I) are hereby
 2 amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1483(7)(d)(vi), 1483(33) and (34), 1495.4(I), 1495.6.1,
 3 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(ee), 1505.2(I)(1)(e)(ii)(dd), 1505.2(1)(f), 1505.2(1)(g), 1505.2(1)(h),
 4 1505.2.1(J), 1505.4(A)(2)(a)(vi) and 1505.5(B)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

5 §1463. Political material; ethics; prohibitions

6 * * *

7 C.(1) No person shall cause to be distributed, or transmitted, any oral, visual,
 8 digital, or written material containing any statement which he knows or should be
 9 reasonably expected to know makes a false statement about a candidate for election
 10 in a primary or general election or about a proposition to be submitted to the voters.

11 (2) Whenever any person, ~~political committee, entity or organization~~ **as**
 12 **defined in R.S. 18:1834**, makes a disbursement for the purpose of the financing of
 13 any electioneering communication, such communication **as defined in R.S. 18:1483**
 14 shall comply with the following items under the following circumstances:

15 (a) If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an
 16 authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state that
 17 the communication has been paid for by such authorized political committee. The
 18 name of the political committee paying for the communication shall be given in full
 19 and no acronyms shall be used.

20 (b) If the communication is paid for by other persons, but authorized by a
 21 candidate, an authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall
 22 clearly state that the communication is paid for by such other persons and authorized
 23 by such authorized political committee. The name of the authorized political
 24 committee shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be used.

25 (c) If the communication is not authorized by a candidate, a ~~political~~
 26 **principal campaign** committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state the
 27 (i) name, (ii) physical address (not post office box), ~~and (iii) telephone number and,~~
 28 **or** the world-wide web address if available of the person, ~~committee, entity or~~
 29 ~~organization~~ **as defined in R.S. 18:1483**, who paid for the communication; **and (iii)**

1 and state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidate
2 committee. The name of the payer shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be
3 used.

4 **(d) In visual and oral political announcements or advertisements, the**
5 **statement required by this Subsection shall be included so that it is clearly**
6 **understandable as well as audible or visible for not less than four seconds.**

7 **(e) In digital announcements or advertisements, the name of the**
8 **third-party entity shall appear in text sized at least as large as the smallest text**
9 **in the digital material or in a heading or similar section of text displayed above**
10 **or within the digital material that is visually distinct from the remainder of the**
11 **digital material's text and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast**
12 **between the background and the name of the third-party entity.**

13 ~~(3) If an individual, association, organization, committee, or corporation is~~
14 ~~responsible for or causes the distribution or transmission of any statements relative~~
15 ~~to candidates or propositions which do not fully disclose the name of the individual~~
16 ~~or the name of the association, organization, committee, or corporation, and the full~~
17 ~~and correct name and address of its chairman or other chief administrative officer~~
18 ~~and whether or not such individual, association, organization, committee, or~~
19 ~~corporation supports or opposes such candidate or proposition, such individual,~~
20 ~~association, organization, committee, or corporation shall report all expenditures~~
21 ~~incurred in relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission~~
22 ~~in accordance with R.S. 18:1491.7, 1495.5, or 1501.1.~~

23 ~~(4)~~**(3)(a)** No person shall misrepresent himself or any committee or
24 organization under his control as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on
25 behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or
26 agent thereof.

27 (b) No person shall willfully and knowingly participate in or conspire to
28 participate in a plan, scheme, or design to misrepresent himself or any committee or
29 organization under his control or under the control of any other participant in the

1 plan, scheme, or design as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on behalf of
2 any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or agent
3 thereof.

4 (c) A radio or television broadcaster who broadcasts a paid political
5 announcement or advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster had no input
6 in or control over, is not subject to the provisions of this Paragraph.

7 ~~(5) For purposes of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the term "electioneering~~
8 ~~communication" means any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers~~
9 ~~to a legally qualified candidate for elected office and is broadcast within sixty days~~
10 ~~before any election in which such candidate is on the ballot.~~

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12 ~~E.(1) No person shall cause to be distributed or transmitted for or on behalf~~
13 ~~of a candidate for political office any oral, visual, digital, or written material~~
14 ~~constituting a paid political announcement or advertisement, which is paid for by a~~
15 ~~third-party entity, without providing the name of the third-party entity on the face of~~
16 ~~the advertisement. The name of the third-party entity shall be included on written and~~
17 ~~digital material, political announcements, and advertisements so that it is clear and~~
18 ~~understandable.~~

19 ~~(2) The name of the third-party entity in visual and oral political~~
20 ~~announcements or advertisements shall be included so that it is clearly~~
21 ~~understandable as well as audible and visible for not less than three seconds. If the~~
22 ~~advertisement is placed by a public relations firm, advertising agency, media buyer,~~
23 ~~or other person who purchases media advertising or time or space for such~~
24 ~~advertising, such person shall provide the information required by this Section.~~

25 ~~(3) In digital announcements or advertisements, the name of the third-party~~
26 ~~entity shall appear in a text sized at least as large as the smallest text in the digital~~
27 ~~material or in a heading or similar section of text displayed above or within the~~
28 ~~digital material that is visually distinct from the remainder of the digital material's~~
29 ~~text and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and~~

1 ~~the name of the third-party entity.~~

2 (4) For the purposes of this Subsection, "person" means any individual,
3 partnership, association, labor union, political committee, corporation, or other legal
4 entity, including its subsidiaries.

5 (5)(a) A media entity who broadcasts a paid political announcement or
6 advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster has no input in or control over,
7 is not subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

8 (b) For purposes of this Subsection, a media entity includes a radio broadcast
9 station, television broadcast station, cable or satellite television company, or other
10 video service provider, streaming video provider, newspaper company, periodical
11 company, billboard company, advertisement agency, or media platform responsible
12 for the production or publication of any advertisement, voice, data, or other
13 communications, information services, or internet access provider, or bona fide news
14 or public interest website operator.

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16 §1483. Definitions

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

19 * * *

20 (3)(a) "Candidate" means a person who seeks nomination or election to
21 public office **by electors recognized to vote in the state of Louisiana**, except the
22 office of president or vice president of the United States, presidential elector,
23 delegate to a political party convention, United States senator, United States
24 congressman, ~~or political party office~~ **member of the state central committee or**
25 **a recognized political party, an officer of a recognized political party, member**
26 **of a parish executive committee of a recognized political party, or an officer of**
27 **a parish executive committee of a recognized political party**. An individual shall
28 be deemed to seek nomination or election to such office if the individual has:

29 * * *

1 (6)(a) "Committee" means any legal entity, including an association ~~or~~
2 ~~political party~~, or other group of two or more persons, other than a husband and wife,
3 which receives or anticipates receiving contributions and makes or anticipates
4 making expenditures, and has the primary purpose of making contributions to or
5 expenditures to or on behalf of any state or local elected official, candidate,
6 campaign, or other committee. An entity shall not be a committee if the entity makes
7 expenditures for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls using
8 only the entity's general revenues and does not receive contributions for the purpose
9 of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls. "Committee" includes any
10 independent expenditure-only committee, leadership committee, political committee,
11 or principal campaign committee, or subsidiary committee thereof.

12 (b) An entity that during a reporting period has supported candidates in states
13 other than Louisiana; has received less than fifty percent of its total receipts for the
14 applicable reporting period from Louisiana candidates or committees formed to
15 support Louisiana candidates; and has ~~expended~~ **made expenditures** less than fifty
16 percent, but not more than fifty thousand dollars, of its total disbursements for the
17 applicable reporting period in support of or in opposition to Louisiana candidates
18 shall not constitute a "committee" for purposes of requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1
19 through 1491.9 which would require such an entity to keep records and submit
20 reports.

21 (7)(a) "Contribution", except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, means
22 a gift, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or anything of value, or the
23 forgiveness of a loan or of a debt made to any of the following:

24 (i) A committee.

25 (ii) A candidate for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise
26 influencing the nomination or election of the candidate to public office, whether
27 made before or after the election.

28 (iii) Any person for the purpose of funding an ~~expenditure to influence the~~
29 ~~nomination or election of a person to public office~~ **electioneering communication**,

1 whether made before or after the election.

2 (iv) ~~Any person for the purpose of funding an expenditure to support or~~
3 ~~oppose a proposition or question submitted to the voters.~~ **Any recognized political**
4 **party which receives contributions in an aggregate amount of five thousand**
5 **dollars within any calendar year.**

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

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

24 (ii) Coordinated expenditures made for the purpose of ~~supporting, opposing,~~
25 ~~or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of the candidate and~~
26 **electioneering communications** shall be considered to be a contribution to ~~such the~~
27 candidate **who he, his principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee**
28 **thereof, or his or their agents cooperated with, consulted with, acted in concert**
29 **with the creators or disseminators of, or requested or suggested the creation or**

1 or municipal charter or ordinance or a court order, to choose a public officer or
2 nominee. For purposes of the reporting requirements for ~~the~~ electioneering
3 communications in support or opposition of a proposition or question submitted to
4 the voters, "election" shall also mean any party primary, second party primary,
5 primary, general, or special election, except local option elections held pursuant to
6 the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, at
7 which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters in accordance with
8 Chapters 6-A, 6-B, and 6-C of this Code.

9 (11)(a) "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment, advance, deposit, or gift,
10 of money or anything of value made ~~for a purpose provided for in R.S. 18:1501.1(A)~~
11 ~~or 1505.2(F)~~ by a committee or for an electioneering communication.

12 (b) "Expenditure" shall also include:

13 (i) A promissory note or written contract to make an expenditure as defined
14 above.

15 (ii) Expenditures in-kind which have an attributable monetary value in excess
16 of two hundred fifty dollars, ~~made for any of the purposes stated in this Paragraph~~
17 to a committee. Expenditures in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation
18 by any person, ~~candidate, or committee~~ of the services of paid employees, the value
19 of which services exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, such value to be the amount
20 paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the right to use, any item
21 of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and not exchanged or
22 converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the ~~donating candidate, the~~
23 ~~chairman of the donating committee, or the~~ donating person required to file reports
24 under this Chapter, ~~and the campaign treasurer of such donor, if any,~~ determines that
25 its value or the use value, when only the right to use is given, exceeds two hundred
26 fifty dollars and such determination shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness
27 of the valuation of the item or the use value when applicable. In addition, successive
28 donations made to the same person, candidate or committee in which donations
29 individually are valued below two hundred fifty dollars ~~but~~ which together exceed

1 such amount, shall be deemed to be in-kind expenditures and shall be aggregated for
2 purposes of the requirements of this Chapter.

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

11 (ii) The committee may report expenditures made to a public relations
12 firm, advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public
13 relations firm, advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than five
14 thousand dollars. However, expenditures of five thousand dollars or more made
15 to a public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent shall be reported as
16 expenditures made to the payee.

17 (d) "Expenditure" shall not include:

18 (i) Personal services provided voluntarily by any person without
19 compensation or by any person who is employed **by a candidate** for purposes other
20 than solely campaign purposes by the reporting candidate, by a partnership of which
21 ~~he~~ **the candidate** is a member, or by a corporation of which ~~he~~ **the candidate** owns
22 a majority of the stock.

23 (ii) Any communication, **including an electioneering communication**, by
24 any membership organization or business entity to its employees, members,
25 directors, or stockholders, or their family members, if such membership organization
26 or business entity is not organized primarily for ~~the purpose of supporting, opposing,~~
27 ~~or otherwise influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to~~
28 ~~public office or for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question~~
29 ~~to be submitted to the voters~~ **making electioneering communications**. All other

1 expenditures made by such membership organization or business entity which are
2 otherwise reportable under the provisions of this Chapter shall be reported. For
3 purposes of this definition, business entity means any proprietorship, partnership,
4 corporation, or other legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

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6 **(vi) Any communications over the internet, except for disbursements for**
7 **express advocacy communications placed or promoted for a fee on another**
8 **person's website, digital device, application, or advertising platform. A**
9 **communication is promoted for a fee where a payment is made to a website,**
10 **digital device, application, or advertising platform in order to increase the**
11 **circulation, prominence, or availability of the communication on that website,**
12 **digital device, application, or advertising platform.**

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14 (13)(a) "Independent expenditure-only committee" means a committee
15 registered with the supervisory committee which makes independent expenditures,
16 makes no ~~political~~ contributions to any candidate ~~for any elected office in this state~~
17 ~~or any of its subdivisions~~, or such candidate's principal campaign committee or a
18 subsidiary committee thereof, and makes no coordinated expenditures with a
19 candidate or such candidate's principal campaign committee or a subsidiary
20 committee thereof.

21 (b) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure for express advocacy
22 for the election or defeat of a clearly identified or identifiable, ~~qualified~~ candidate
23 for public office, ~~including supporting or opposing the candidates of a political party,~~
24 and that is not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request
25 or suggestion of, a candidate, ~~a candidate's principal campaign committee or a~~
26 ~~subsidiary committee thereof, or their agents, or a political party~~ **another** committee
27 or its agents.

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29 (16) "Leadership committee" means a committee registered with the

1 supervisory committee which is designated by an elected official, but which is not
 2 the principal campaign committee of the elected official and does not make
 3 **contributions to the principal campaign committee of the elected official nor**
 4 expenditures **for an electioneering communication** in support of the candidacy of
 5 the elected official or in opposition to any opponent of the elected official and that
 6 makes expenditures only as authorized by R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(1)(a) and (c).

7 (17) "Loan" means a transfer of money, property, or anything of value in
 8 exchange for an obligation to repay in whole or in part, ~~made for any purpose~~
 9 ~~provided for in R.S. 18:1501.1(A) or 1505.2(f)~~ **to a committee**, whether made before
 10 or after the election.

11 * * *

12 (21) "Participation" or "participating" in an election means the following:

13 * * *

14 (b) With regard to a ~~political~~ committee, that the committee:

15 * * *

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

20 * * *

21 (24)(a)(i) "Political committee" means a committee organized for the primary
 22 purpose of making expenditures supporting or opposing one or more candidates,
 23 propositions, recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which accepts
 24 contributions in the name of the political committee, or makes expenditures from
 25 political committee funds or in the name of the political committee, or makes a
 26 transfer of funds to or receives a transfer of funds from another committee, or
 27 receives or makes loans in an aggregate amount in excess of ~~one~~ **five** thousand
 28 dollars within any calendar year.

29 (ii) "Political committee" shall also include a committee which ~~supports or~~

1 year, is organized within ten days prior to any election, it shall file the statement of
 2 organization required by this Section no later than the third day after such
 3 organizing. Any committee required to file supplemental reports under the provisions
 4 of R.S. 18:1491.6 shall file the annual statement of organization. The supervisory
 5 committee shall issue a certificate of registration to each committee which submits
 6 the statement required by this Subsection.

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8 D. No committee shall receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or
 9 loans or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another
 10 committee in the aggregate in excess of ~~one~~ **five** thousand dollars in any calendar
 11 year until it has filed the annual statement of organization required by this Section.
 12 Any committee which violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to
 13 the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.5 and 1505.6.

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15 §1491.2. Statement of dissolution

16 A.(1) * * *

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18 (3) A statement of dissolution shall include the following:

19 (a) A certified statement by the committee chairman and treasurer, if any, that
 20 the committee has not received contributions, transfers of funds, or loans, or made
 21 expenditures, transfers of funds, or loans in the aggregate during the calendar year
 22 in excess of ~~one~~ **five** thousand dollars and does not anticipate doing so, or that the
 23 committee will receive no contributions, transfers of funds, or loans and will make
 24 no expenditures, transfers of funds, or loans, during the remainder of the calendar
 25 year.

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27 §1491.5. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and
 28 expenditures

29 * * *

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

11 * * *

12 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the committee is
 13 dissolved and shows a deficit of less than five thousand dollars. However, if the
 14 committee is dissolved and its deficit is equal to or greater than five thousand dollars,
 15 the committee shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory committee of all
 16 information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such report shall be filed annually no later
 17 than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** and shall be complete through the
 18 preceding December thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for five years
 19 or until a report has been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

20 (b) However, if after five years a committee with a deficit receives any
 21 contribution or if any repayment occurs on an outstanding debt or loan, such
 22 committee shall file a supplemental report by the following ~~February twenty-eighth~~
 23 **March fifteenth** which shall be complete through the preceding December
 24 thirty-first.

25 * * *

26 E. A report shall be filed for each committee of all information required in
 27 R.S. 18:1491.7 no later than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** of each year
 28 which shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-first. The annual report
 29 required by this Subsection shall not be required:

1 (1) If under another provision of this Section, the committee has filed another
2 report of the information required by R.S. 18:1491.7 at any time after the preceding
3 December tenth and prior to the ~~February fifteenth~~ **March fifteenth** due date, or

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5 J. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to reports filed by a
6 leadership committee **or a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.**

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8 §1491.7. Reports; contents

9 * * *

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

12 * * *

13 (4) Contributions received during the reporting period for which the report
14 is being completed shall be reported, and the same shall be reported irrespective of
15 the amount thereof except as otherwise provided, as follows:

16 (a) The full name and address of each person who has made one or more
17 contributions, except contributions in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-
18 off system, to and which have been received and accepted by the committee during
19 the reporting period, **whose contribution or contributions have an aggregate**
20 **amount or value in excess of two hundred fifty dollars within the calendar year;**
21 the aggregate amount of such contributions, except in-kind contributions, from each
22 person, and the date and amount of each such contribution; and a brief description
23 of each in-kind contribution from each person, the valuation thereof made by the
24 chairman and the treasurer, and the date of the in-kind contribution.

25 ~~(b) The full name and address of each person who has made one or more~~
26 ~~contributions in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-off system in excess~~
27 ~~of twenty-five dollars in the aggregate in a calendar year to and which have been~~
28 ~~received and accepted by the committee during the reporting period, and the date and~~
29 ~~amount of each contribution. In the case of a political committee that supports~~

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

10 ~~(e)~~**(b)** The aggregate amount of all contributions, other than in-kind
11 contributions, received and accepted during the reporting period.

12 ~~(d)~~**(c)** The aggregate valuation of in-kind contributions received during the
13 reporting period.

14 **(d) The street number and street name of individual contributors shall**
15 **not be made publicly available in any manner, including but not limited to**
16 **disclosure on any governmental websites or in response to public records**
17 **requests under the Public Records Law, or its successor laws.**

18 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the committee during the
19 reporting period from the sale of paraphernalia. Purchases of paraphernalia from the
20 committee which are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be
21 reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
22 Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase
23 paraphernalia which are not in excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars must be reported
24 only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as
25 provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

26 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the committee during the
27 reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are
28 made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly
29 or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so

1 reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in
2 excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars must be reported only in the report of gross
3 proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
4 Subsection.

5 * * *

6 (8) Any other cash receipts, not contributions, received from any other source
7 not included during the reporting period, for example, refunds of overpayments or
8 excess contributions, **refunds for services or goods, interest on cash balances,**
9 **cash investment income,** and the nature, source, and an explanation thereof.

10 * * *

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

17 * * *

18 (13) The full name and address of each person to whom an expenditure has
19 been made by the committee during the reporting period. The amount, a description
20 of the purpose as it relates to the expenditure, the date of each expenditure, and, for
21 all committees other than leadership committees, the name and address of and office
22 sought by candidates on whose behalf each such expenditure was made shall be
23 reported. A brief description of an in-kind expenditure shall be given, as well as the
24 valuation made by the ~~chairman and the treasurer~~ **committee** and the dates of the
25 expenditure. When multiple expenditures have been made to the same person during
26 the reporting period, the aggregate amount of such expenditures, other than in-kind
27 expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of in-kind expenditures shall be reported
28 for each such person. The aggregate of all expenditures made during the reporting
29 period, other than in-kind expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of all in-kind

1 expenditures shall also be reported. The aggregate amount expended for each
2 candidate shall also be reported.

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

7 * * *

8 (22) The total amount of expenditures ~~during the reporting period made in~~
9 ~~relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission of statements~~
10 ~~relative to candidates~~ **for electioneering communications** which do not fully
11 disclose the name of the individual or the name of the association, organization,
12 committee, or corporation and the full and correct name and address of its chairman
13 or other chief administrative officer and whether or not such individual, association,
14 organization, committee, or corporation supports or opposes such candidate.

15 * * *

16 §1491.8. Small campaigns **and committees**; affidavit in lieu of reports

17 Any committee which did not receive a contribution in excess of ~~five hundred~~
18 **five thousand** dollars and which did not make expenditures totaling in excess of ten
19 thousand dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period may file an affidavit
20 setting out such facts, in lieu of any report required by R.S. 18:1491.6 but a separate
21 affidavit shall be required in lieu of any such report.

22 §1491.9. Joint fundraising; joint fundraising representative or committee; authority,
23 requirements, and prohibitions

24 * * *

25 C. The participants shall designate a joint fundraising representative pursuant
26 to one of the following:

27 * * *

28 (2) The participants may designate a ~~political~~ committee to serve as the joint
29 fundraising representative, referred to in this Section as a "joint fundraising

1 committee". A joint fundraising committee shall report all contributions made to the
 2 joint fundraising effort as contributions to the joint fundraising committee and shall
 3 report the distribution of proceeds pursuant to this Section as expenditures made to
 4 the participants pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.6, 1491.6.1, and 1491.7. Each participant
 5 shall report the amounts received from the joint fundraising committee as
 6 contributions from each contributor. The joint fundraising committee chairman shall
 7 be responsible for all duties of the joint fundraising representative provided for in
 8 this Section. Within ten days following the execution of the joint fundraising
 9 agreement, the joint fundraising committee shall file a statement of organization with
 10 the supervisory committee as provided in R.S. 18:1491.1.

11 * * *

12 §1495.3. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and
 13 expenditures

14 * * *

15 B.(1)

* * *

16 (2) Payments made to purchase raffle tickets or campaign paraphernalia,
 17 other than expenditures made by a candidate for his own paraphernalia, and
 18 payments for tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events are contributions,
 19 and records thereof shall be maintained, provided that:

20 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or
 21 paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars and
 22 the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a candidate, no record need be
 23 kept by the campaign treasurer for such recipient candidate, except the total amount
 24 received and deposited from such sale and the fact that such amount was received
 25 from such sale.

26 * * *

27 H.(1) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency,
 28 or agent for a candidate, shall be considered expenditures of the candidate, and must
 29 be specifically reported as required by this Part. Each such firm, agency, or agent

1 shall timely furnish to such candidate such information relative thereto as may be
2 required for compliance with this Part. Failure by any such firm, agency or agent to
3 timely furnish a candidate such information required for compliance with this Part
4 shall be grounds for a civil action for damages.

5 (2) The committee may report expenditures made to a public relations
6 firm, advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public
7 relations firm, advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than five
8 thousand dollars. However, expenditures of five thousand dollars or more made
9 to a public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent shall be reported as
10 expenditures made to the payee.

11 * * *

12 §1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension

13 * * *

14 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a
15 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the
16 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary
17 election and extending through midnight of the second party primary election day,
18 if applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior
19 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, each
20 candidate shall file a report with the supervisory committee of:

21 (1)(a) The full name and address of each person from whom the candidate
22 has received and accepted a contribution or loan during such period in excess of the
23 following amounts: a candidate for any major office, ~~two~~ **five** thousand dollars; a
24 candidate for district office, ~~one two~~ thousand **five hundred** dollars; a candidate for
25 any other office, ~~five hundred~~ **one thousand** dollars.

26 * * *

27 (2) Any expenditure in excess of ~~five hundred~~ **one thousand** dollars made
28 to a ~~candidate, committee, or~~ person required to file reports by this Chapter, who
29 makes endorsements, including the full name and address of each person to whom

1 such expenditure is made, the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure,
2 and a brief description and valuation of an in-kind expenditure.

3 * * *

4 D.(1) If the final report of a candidate for an election, as required by
5 Paragraph~~(B)~~(5), (6), or (7) of Subsection B of this Section, shows a deficit or a
6 surplus, the candidate and his treasurer, if any, shall file supplemental reports with
7 the supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5. Such
8 reports shall be filed annually no later than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth**
9 and shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first. Such a
10 supplemental report shall be filed each year until a report has been filed which shows
11 no deficit and until any surplus campaign funds have been disposed of in accordance
12 with R.S. 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus **campaign** funds shall disclose the
13 disbursement of such funds in the same manner as expenditures are reported.

14 * * *

15 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the candidate is not
16 an elected public official and shows either a deficit or a surplus of less than ~~five~~ **ten**
17 thousand dollars. However, if the candidate is not an elected public official and his
18 deficit or surplus is equal to or greater than ~~five~~ **ten** thousand dollars, the candidate
19 shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory committee of all information
20 required in R.S. 18:1495.5. Such report shall be filed annually no later than ~~February~~
21 ~~twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** and shall be complete through the preceding
22 December thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for five years or until a
23 report has been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

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

28 * * *

29 E. A report shall be filed for each candidate, as defined by R.S. 18:1483(3),

1 of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5 no later than ~~February fifteenth~~ **March**
2 **fifteenth** of each year which shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-
3 first. The annual report required by this Subsection shall not be required:

4 (1) If under another provision of this Section the candidate has filed another
5 report of the information required by R.S. 18:1495.5 at any time after the preceding
6 December tenth and prior to ~~February fifteenth~~ **March fifteenth** due date, or

7 * * *

8 **I. For purposes of this Section, a contribution shall be considered to be**
9 **received the earlier of when: (1) the contribution is deposited into a designated**
10 **account of the candidate or committee; or (2) if the contribution was not to be**
11 **distributed pursuant to a joint fundraising agreement, ten calendar days have**
12 **passed since the contribution was delivered to the candidate or committee. A**
13 **contribution that is mailed to the candidate shall be considered to be delivered**
14 **on the date of the postmark. An in-kind contribution shall be considered to be**
15 **received on the date that the goods or services are provided by the contributor.**

16 §1495.5. Reports; contents

17 * * *

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

20 * * *

21 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the
22 reporting period from the sale of paraphernalia. Purchases of such campaign
23 paraphernalia which are made by the same person and which are of such amount as
24 to be reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this
25 Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase campaign
26 items or materials which are not in excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars must be
27 reported only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported
28 as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

29 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the

1 reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are
 2 made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly
 3 or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so
 4 reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in
 5 excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars must be reported only in the report of gross
 6 proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
 7 Subsection.

8 * * *

9 (7) Any other cash receipts, not contributions, from any other source not
 10 included above during the reporting period, for example, refunds of overpayments
 11 **or excess contributions, refunds for services or goods, interest on cash balances,**
 12 **cash investment income,** and the nature, source, and an explanation thereof.

13 * * *

14 (12) The full name and address of each person to whom an expenditure has
 15 been made by the candidate during the reporting period. The amount, a description
 16 of the purpose as it relates to the expenditure, and the date of each expenditure shall
 17 be reported. A brief description of an in-kind expenditure shall be given, as well as
 18 the valuation made by the candidate ~~and the campaign treasurer~~ **or the committee**
 19 and the date(s) of the expenditure. When multiple expenditures have been made to
 20 the same person, during the reporting period, the aggregate amount of such
 21 expenditures, other than in-kind expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of in-kind
 22 expenditures shall be reported for each such person. The aggregate of all
 23 expenditures made during the reporting period, other than in-kind expenditures, and
 24 the aggregate valuation of all in-kind expenditures shall also be reported. The
 25 aggregate amount expended for each candidate shall also be reported.

26 * * *

27 (14) The amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by or to the
 28 candidate, during the reporting period, ~~which relate to the conduct of any political~~
 29 ~~campaign,~~ including but not limited to loans required to be reported under Paragraph

1 (9) of this Subsection.

2 * * *

3 C.(1) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency,
4 or agent for a candidate or committee shall be considered expenditures of the
5 candidate or committee and must be reported as required by this Section. Each such
6 firm, agency, or agent which makes any expenditure for any candidate or committee
7 shall timely furnish to ~~such~~ the candidate or committee ~~such~~ the information
8 relative thereto as may be required for compliance with this Part.

9 (2) The candidate or committee may report expenditures made to a public
10 relations firm, advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public
11 relations firm, advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than five
12 thousand dollars. However, expenditures of five thousand dollars or more made to
13 a public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent shall be reported as expenditures
14 made to the payee.

15 * * *

16 §1495.6. Small campaigns; affidavit in lieu of reports

17 Any candidate, for a major or district office required by this Chapter to file
18 reports of information as provided in R.S. 18:1495.5, who did not receive a
19 contribution in excess of five ~~hundred~~ thousand dollars and who did not make
20 expenditures totaling in excess of ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during the
21 aggregating period, may file an affidavit setting out such facts in lieu of each report
22 required by R.S. 18:1495.4, but a separate affidavit shall be required in lieu of each
23 such report.

24 **§1495.6.1. Certification of no material activity**

25 **A. In lieu of filing a full report required by this Section, a candidate or**
26 **a committee may file a certification of no material activity if, during the**
27 **reporting period:**

28 **(1) No contributions were received in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.**

29 **(2) No expenditures were made in excess of five hundred dollars.**

1 thirty-first. Each report shall state:

2 * * *

3 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

4 * * *

5 B.(1) * * *

6 (2) Any single transaction involving the sale of paraphernalia, **in** which **the**
7 transaction is ~~for~~ not in excess of **two hundred** fifty dollars and ~~in which transaction~~
8 the purchaser is not known, shall not be deemed to constitute an anonymous
9 contribution under the provisions of this Subsection.

10 * * *

11 D.(1) * * *

12 (3)(a) * * *

13 (c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" shall mean a
14 partnership, association, labor union, corporation, or other legal entity, including its
15 subsidiaries. For purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" does not include a
16 **subsidiary committee of a principal campaign committee, a political committee,**
17 **an independent expenditure-only committee, or a recognized party legislative**
18 **delegation.**

19 * * *

20 G. No committee shall receive contributions or loans or make expenditures
21 or loans, or make or receive a transfer of funds to or from another committee in the
22 aggregate in excess of ~~one~~ **five** thousand dollars during a calendar year until it has
23 filed the annual statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1. The chairman
24 and the treasurer of any committee which violates the provisions of this Subsection
25 shall be subject to the penalties provided in this Part. No candidate shall make a
26 contribution to any committee required to file an annual statement of organization
27 by the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.1 which has not filed such a statement.

28 H.(1)(a) * * *

29 * * *

1 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the
 2 contribution limit for contributions made to an unsuccessful major office candidate,
 3 or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of such
 4 unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in the general election, or a party
 5 primary candidate who does not participate in either the second party primary,
 6 primary, or general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a
 7 deficit for expenditures made through the day of the primary election or closed party
 8 primary, shall be twenty-**five** thousand dollars.

9 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the
 10 following **campaign** contribution limits are established for contributions by
 11 **individuals principal campaign committees**, political committees or leadership
 12 committees supporting or opposing a candidate for the following offices:

13 * * *

14 (c) If the contribution is made to a ~~leadership committee~~, political committee;
 15 ~~or independent expenditure-only committee~~ which is supporting or opposing
 16 candidates for different offices, the highest applicable limit shall apply.

17 * * *

18 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and
 19 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the contributions limit for contributions by
 20 **individuals, principal campaign committees, leadership committees or** political
 21 committees to an unsuccessful major office candidate, or the principal campaign
 22 committee and subsidiary committee of such unsuccessful candidate, who does not
 23 participate in the general election, or a party primary candidate who does not
 24 participate in either the second party primary, primary, or general election and for
 25 the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through
 26 the day of the primary election or closed party primary, shall be twenty-**five** thousand
 27 dollars.

28 * * *

29 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this

1 Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions by **an individual**, a political
 2 committee, leadership committee, or a principal campaign committee, directly or
 3 by joint fundraising agreement, to a recognized political party or any committee
 4 thereof designated to receive such contributions on behalf of the state central
 5 committee of the political party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise shall be
 6 as provided in Subsection K of this Section.

7 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this
 8 Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions by any individual, principal
 9 campaign committee, or to a committee, or to a leadership committee shall be
 10 twenty-five thousand dollars per calendar year.

11 (3)(a)(i) * * *
 12 * * *

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

19 * * *

20 (c) No candidate including his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
 21 committee thereof ~~or leadership committee~~, shall accept from the same contributor
 22 a loan, transfer of funds, or contribution, including but not limited to funds for any
 23 purchase of campaign materials for more than fifty **one hundred** dollars, funds for
 24 the purchase of testimonial tickets, and any in-kind contribution, in the aggregate for
 25 all reporting periods of an election, as defined in this Paragraph, including reporting
 26 periods for any supplemental reports, in excess of the contribution limits established
 27 in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, except as otherwise specifically provided in this
 28 Subsection, and except that the provisions of Paragraph (2) shall apply for
 29 contributions accepted from a leadership committee, political committee, or principal

1 campaign committee. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to
2 recognized political parties and their state central committees.

3 * * *

4 I.(1)(a) Contributions received by a candidate or committee may be expended
5 for any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

6 * * *

7 (iii) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, to a
8 gubernatorial transition and inauguration.

9 (iv) ~~Contributions to an independent expenditure-only committee.~~ **The**
10 **payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed against the respective candidate or**
11 **committee for a violation of this Chapter.**

12 (v) Donations, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, to an
13 organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of the Internal
14 Revenue Code.

15 * * *

16 (b)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
17 of this Paragraph, contributions received by a candidate or a candidate's principal
18 campaign committee, or any subsidiary committee thereof, may also be expended for
19 any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

20 * * *

21 (cc) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, to another
22 candidate's principal campaign committee, to a political committee, ~~or~~ to a leadership
23 committee, **to an independent-expenditure-only committee, to a recognized**
24 **political party of a parish executive committee, or to a recognized party**
25 **legislative delegation.**

26 * * *

27 (iii) ~~Excess~~ **Surplus** campaign ~~contributions~~ **funds** received by a candidate
28 or a candidate's principal campaign committee and not expended during a party
29 primary, **second party primary**, primary, or general election may be maintained in

1 a segregated fund or a fund of the candidate's principal campaign committee ~~for use~~
2 ~~in future political campaigns, activity related to preparing for future candidacy to~~
3 ~~elective office, or for any lawful purpose provided for in this Subparagraph an~~
4 ~~Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.~~ **Surplus campaign funds may be used for the**
5 **following:**

6 **(aa) For future political campaigns or activity related to preparing for**
7 **future candidacy to elective office.**

8 **(bb) For any lawful purpose related to any of the following items:**

9 **(i) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the**
10 **voters.**

11 **(ii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.**

12 **(iii) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any**
13 **committee.**

14 **(iv) Donations to an organization exempt from federal income tax under**
15 **Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

16 **(v) Lobbying.**

17 **(vi) Social and issue advocacy.**

18 **(vii) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee**
19 **making the expenditure, including costs and expense related to legal services**
20 **and costs, accounting services, and fundraising.**

21 **(viii) The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed against the**
22 **respective candidate or committee for a violation of this Chapter.**

23 **(cc) To refund a contribution, or a portion thereof, to a contributor.**

24 Any ~~excess~~ **surplus** campaign contributions received from a contributor
25 deposited in **or transferred to** a segregated fund shall **not** be considered **as** a
26 contribution from the contributor for the **calculation of the amount contributed by**
27 **the contributor to the candidate for the** candidate's next **election** campaign, **such**
28 **that the limits on contributions calculated for each contributor under this**
29 **Section shall remain separately applicable for each separate election.**

1 (c)(i) ~~Contributions~~ **In addition to the permitted expenditures provided**
 2 **in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph contributions,** received by a leadership
 3 committee shall not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any personal use
 4 ~~unrelated~~ **may also be expended for any lawful purpose** related to any of the
 5 following:

6 * * *

7 (bb) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement,** to another
 8 candidate or another candidate's principal campaign committee, or any subsidiary
 9 committee thereof.

10 (cc) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement,** to another
 11 elected official's leadership committee.

12 (dd) ~~The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed for a violation of this~~
 13 ~~Chapter.~~ **Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to a**
 14 **recognized political party, to a parish executive committee, or to a recognized**
 15 **party legislative delegation.**

16 (ee) **Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to**
 17 **independent-expenditure-only committees that do not participate in an election**
 18 **in which the elected official associated with the leadership committee is**
 19 **participating. These contributions must be designated as not to be expended in**
 20 **an election in which the elected official associated with the leadership committee**
 21 **is participating.**

22 (ii) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, contributions
 23 received by a leadership committee may not be used, loaned, or pledged by any
 24 person for any personal use of the elected official or a member of his immediate
 25 family, **for making contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to**
 26 **the elected official's principal campaign committee, or any subsidiary**
 27 **committee thereof, for making contributions, directly or by joint fundraising**
 28 **agreement, to independent-expenditure-only committees that participate in an**
 29 **election in which the elected official who benefits from the leadership committee**

1 **is participating**, or for making expenditures **electioneering communications** in
2 support of the elected official's campaign; **or in opposition to an opponent of the**
3 **elected official, or** to oppose the recall of the elected official; ~~or to oppose an~~
4 ~~opponent of the elected official.~~

5 (iii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, use of funds by a leadership
6 committee to replace, **repair or clean** articles lost, stolen, **soiled**, or damaged in
7 connection with the operations of the leadership committee or the holding of public
8 office or party position by the public officer shall not be considered personal use.

9 (d)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
10 of this Paragraph, contributions received by a political committee may be expended
11 for any lawful purpose, including any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

12 * * *

13 (bb) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement** to any
14 ~~candidate's principal campaign committee, any other political committee, or any~~
15 ~~leadership committee.~~

16 * * *

17 (e)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
18 of this Paragraph, contributions received by an independent expenditure-only
19 committee may be expended for any lawful purpose, including any lawful purpose
20 related to any of the following:

21 * * *

22 (bb) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, to any
23 leadership committee.

24 (ii) Contributions received by an independent expenditure-only committee
25 may not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any of the following:

26 * * *

27 (bb) Contributions, **whether directly or by joint fundraising agreement**,
28 to any candidate or a candidate's principal campaign committee, or a subsidiary
29 committee thereof, **to any recognized political party, to any parish executive**

1 committee, or to any recognized party legislative delegation.

2 (cc) Coordinated expenditures with any candidate ~~or~~, with any candidate's
3 principal campaign committee or subsidiary thereof, with any recognized political
4 party, with any parish executive committee, or with any recognized party
5 legislative delegation.

6 (dd) Coordinated electioneering communications with any candidate, or
7 with any candidate's principal campaign committee or subsidiary thereof, with
8 any recognized political party, with any parish executive committee, or with any
9 recognized party legislative delegation.

10 (f)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in
11 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, contributions received by a recognized
12 political party may be expended for any lawful purpose, including any lawful
13 purpose related to any of the following:

14 (aa) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or
15 election of any person to public office.

16 (bb) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any
17 candidate or committee.

18 (ii) Contributions received by recognized political party may not be used,
19 loaned, or pledged by any person for coordinated electioneering
20 communications with any political committee or any
21 independent-expenditure-only committee.

22 (g)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in
23 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, contributions received by a parish
24 executive committee may be expended for any lawful purpose, including any
25 lawful purpose related to any of the following:

26 (aa) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to only
27 electors registered in the parish of the parish executive committee.

28 (bb) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer whose electors
29 are only registered in the parish of the parish executive committee.

1 (cc) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or
2 election of any person to public office whose electors are only registered in the
3 parish of the parish executive committee.

4 (dd) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any
5 candidate or principal campaign committee for any candidate whose electors
6 are only registered in the parish of the parish executive committee.

7 (ee) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to the
8 recognized political party of the parish executive committee.

9 (ii) Contributions received by a parish executive committee may not be
10 used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any of the following:

11 (aa) The personal use of any candidate or elected official, or a member
12 of his immediate family.

13 (bb) Expenditures exceeding five thousand dollars in a calendar year for
14 electioneering communications supporting or opposing a proposition or
15 question submitted to electors registered in a parish other than the parish of the
16 parish executive committee.

17 (cc) Expenditures exceeding five thousand dollars in a calendar year for
18 electioneering communications supporting or opposing the recall of a public
19 officer who has electors registered in any parish other than the parish of the
20 parish executive committee.

21 (dd) Expenditures exceeding five thousand dollars in a calendar year for
22 electioneering communications supporting or opposing the nomination or
23 election of any person to public office who has electors registered in any parish
24 other than the parish of the parish executive committee.

25 (ee) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any
26 candidate or principal campaign committee for any candidate who has electors
27 registered in any parish other than the parish of the parish executive committee.

28 (ff) Contributions to any political committee.

29 (gg) Contributions to any independent-expenditure-only committee.

1 (hh) Contributions exceeding five thousand dollars to any leadership
2 committee to benefit any elected official who has electors registered in any
3 parish other than the parish of the parish executive committee.

4 (ii) Contributions exceeding five thousand dollars to any recognized
5 party legislative delegation.

6 (h)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in
7 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, contributions received by a registered
8 party legislative delegation may be expended for any lawful purpose, including
9 any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

10 (aa) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or
11 election of a candidate for legislative seat in the chamber of the legislative
12 delegation.

13 (bb) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any
14 candidate or principal campaign committee for any candidate for the office of
15 a member of the Louisiana Legislature in the chamber of the legislative
16 delegation.

17 (ii) Contributions received by a recognized party legislative delegation
18 may not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any of the following:

19 (aa) The personal use of any candidate or elected official, or a member
20 of his immediate family.

21 (bb) Electioneering communications supporting or opposing a
22 proposition or question submitted to electors.

23 (cc) Electioneering communications supporting or opposing the recall of
24 a public officer.

25 (dd) Electioneering communications supporting or opposing the
26 nomination or election of any person to public office other than a candidate
27 seeking election for a legislative seat in the chamber of the legislative delegation.

28 (ee) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any
29 candidate other than a candidate seeking election for a legislative seat in the

1 chamber of the legislative delegation or to any principal campaign committee
2 for any candidate other than a candidate seeking election for a legislative seat
3 in the chamber of the legislative delegation.

4 (ff) Contributions to any political committee.

5 (gg) Contributions to any independent-expenditure-only committee.

6 (hh) Contributions to any leadership committee to benefit any elected
7 official who does not hold the office of a member of the Louisiana Legislature
8 in the chamber of the legislative delegation.

9 (2)(a) The following expenditures shall not be considered to be personal use
10 by the candidate or his principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee
11 thereof, or by an elected official or his leadership committee:

12 (i) Expenses related to the attendance at political or professional events by
13 the candidate and any accompanying spouse and children, including:

14 * * *

15 (dd) Conventions and conferences of issue or social advocacy groups or
16 related educational programs.

17 (ii) Reasonable costs of security measures for a candidate, elected official,
18 member of their family, or campaign employees, including, but not limited to:

19 * * *

20 (cc) Security personnel, ~~and services,~~ and related transportation that are
21 bona fide, legitimate, and professional.

22 (dd) Cybersecurity software, devices, and services.

23 * * *

24 (v) Reasonable costs to replace or repair articles lost, stolen, or damaged in
25 connection with the campaign or to clean articles when required due to their use
26 in connection with the campaign or holding public office.

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28 (5)(a) No candidate nor the principal campaign committee or any subsidiary
29 ~~political~~ committee of a candidate, nor any elected official or the leadership

1 committee of an elected official shall use a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds
 2 received by ~~such~~ the candidate, **principal campaign committee or any subsidiary**
 3 **committee**, or **leadership** committee to make any payment or expenditure to any
 4 immediate family member of the candidate or elected official.

5 * * *

6 (7) Contributions made in excess of the limits provided in this Section to a
 7 candidate, principal campaign committee, political committee, or leadership
 8 committee shall be returned by the candidate or committee to the contributor by
 9 check drawn on the campaign account. If the check is not negotiated within twelve
 10 months of the date of the check, the excess amount shall be presumed abandoned and
 11 shall be paid, transferred, or caused to be paid or transferred in accordance with the
 12 Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 by the candidate or committee not later
 13 than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** of the calendar year after the calendar
 14 year in which the excess amount was presumed abandoned.

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16 K.(1) No ~~person~~ **individual, leadership committee, or political committee**
 17 shall contribute more than one hundred thousand dollars per calendar year to ~~any~~
 18 ~~leadership committee or~~ any political committee or any subsidiary committee of such
 19 political committee. ~~Such~~ **This** limitation on a contribution shall not apply to any
 20 contribution, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, from a national political
 21 party committee to an affiliated regional or state political committee designated to
 22 received such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of a political
 23 party ~~by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise~~. However, during any four-year
 24 calendar period commencing January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no
 25 ~~leadership committee or~~ political committee or subsidiary of such political
 26 committee shall accept more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any
 27 person **or committee**.

28 (2) No person shall contribute, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**,
 29 more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars per calendar year to a recognized

1 political party or any committee thereof designated to receive such contributions on
 2 behalf of the state central committee of the political party ~~by joint fundraising~~
 3 ~~agreement or otherwise~~. However, during any four-year calendar period commencing
 4 January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no recognized political party or
 5 any committee thereof designated to receive such contributions, **directly or by joint**
 6 **fundraising agreement**, on behalf of the state central committee of the political
 7 party ~~by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise~~ shall accept more than four
 8 hundred thousand dollars from any person.

9 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to contributions made,
 10 **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, by a recognized political party or any
 11 committee thereof designated to make such contributions on behalf of the state
 12 central committee of the political party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise.

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14 L.(1)

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15 (2) No person to whom this Subsection is applicable as provided in Paragraph
 16 (3) of this Subsection shall make a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, including
 17 but not limited to any in-kind contribution, as defined in this Chapter, to any
 18 candidate, **to** any principal campaign committee of any such candidate, or **to** any
 19 subsidiary committee thereof, **to** any leadership committee, ~~or~~ to any ~~other~~ political
 20 committee which supports or opposes any candidate. This Section shall not prohibit
 21 contributions made to any account of a political committee affiliated with a
 22 recognized political party organized under the laws of another jurisdiction, where the
 23 account is segregated and no funds from such segregated account are used to support
 24 or oppose any candidate in this state or any ~~political~~ **principal campaign** committee
 25 of any candidate in this state, provided that any person to whom this Section applies
 26 shall expressly request, prior to making a contribution, that such ~~political~~ **principal**
 27 **campaign** committee shall not use such funds to support or oppose any candidate or
 28 any political committee of any candidate in Louisiana.

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1 (5)(a)(i) * * *

2 (ii) If a candidate, committee, or person required to file reports is notified by
3 the supervisory committee that a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to such
4 candidate, committee, or person was made in violation of this Subsection, such
5 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds shall escheat to the state. Any such
6 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or an amount equal thereto, shall be paid over
7 to the state by the recipient candidate, committee, or other person required to file
8 reports within ten business days after the recipient candidate, committee, or person
9 required to file reports **pursuant to R.S. 18:1501.1(A)(1)** is notified by the
10 supervisory committee that the contribution, loan, or transfer of funds was made by
11 a person prohibited by this Subsection from making such contribution, loan, or
12 transfer of funds.

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

17 * * *

18 (5)(a) Any person who makes a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds in
19 violation of this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S.
20 18:1505.5 and R.S. 18:1505.6.

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

1 this Subsection from making such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds.

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

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15 §1505.2.1. Designation and attribution of contributions

16 A.(1) A candidate may receive contributions designated in writing for use in
17 connection with any election in a single election cycle, whether a party primary
18 election, **a second party primary election**, primary election, or general election.
19 The candidate shall use an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between
20 contributions attributed to each particular election.

21 * * *

22 B. A contribution may be designated in writing in the following manner:

23 (1) A check, money order, or other negotiable instrument that clearly
24 indicates the particular election for which the contribution is made.

25 (2) The contribution is accompanied by a written statement, signed by the
26 contributor, that clearly indicates the particular election for which the contribution
27 is made.

28 (3) **The contribution is written to, delivered to, or paid to, a joint**
29 **fundraising representative pursuant to a joint fundraising agreement that**

1 ~~(a) Refund the contribution using a committee check or draft.~~

2 ~~(b) Obtain a written redesignation for another election as provided in~~
3 ~~Subsection G of this Section, subject to the limits provided in R.S. 18:1505.2(H).~~

4 ~~(c) Obtain a written reattribution to another contributor as provided in~~
5 ~~Subsection H of this Section, subject to the limits provided in R.S. 18:1505.2(H).~~ **the**
6 **amount of the contribution that exceeds the outstanding deficit shall be treated**
7 **as surplus funds.**

8 (2) If a contribution is designated in writing for a particular election but made
9 after that election and the candidate does not have an outstanding deficit for the
10 designated election, the contribution shall be treated as ~~excess~~ **surplus** campaign
11 funds, ~~and may be expended as provided in R.S. 18:1505.2(I), except that such funds~~
12 ~~may not be expended in support of or in opposition to a proposition, political party,~~
13 ~~or candidacy of a person, or maintained in a segregated fund for use in future~~
14 ~~political campaigns or activity related to preparing for future candidacy to elective~~
15 ~~office.~~

16 G.(1) For an undersigned contribution, a candidate may designate the
17 contribution for a particular election **in the election cycle** if the contribution exceeds
18 the contributions limitation provided for in R.S. 18:1505.2(H) for a single election
19 or the contribution was ~~received~~ **made** after the date of the election for which there
20 is an outstanding deficit on the date that the contribution was ~~received~~ **made**. ~~Within~~
21 ~~sixty days following the receipt of the contribution, the candidate shall notify the~~
22 ~~contributor in writing of the amount of the contribution that was redesignated and~~
23 ~~that the contributor may request a refund of the contribution.~~

24 (2) A candidate may ~~request that~~ **designate** all or part of a contribution
25 designated for a certain election ~~be redesignated~~ for a different election **in the**
26 **election cycle**, if the contribution, either on its face or when aggregated with other
27 contributions from the same contributor for the same election, exceeds the
28 contributions limitation provided in R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

29 ~~(3) A contribution designated for a particular election shall be redesignated~~

1 for another election if both of the following apply:

2 (a) ~~The candidate requests that the contributor provide a written redesignation~~
3 ~~of the contribution and informs the contributor in writing that the contributor may,~~
4 ~~instead of providing for redesignation, request the refund of the contribution.~~

5 (b) ~~Within sixty days from the date of the candidate's receipt of the~~
6 ~~contribution, the contributor provides the candidate with a signed, written~~
7 ~~redesignation of the contribution for another election.~~

8 **H.(1) Designated surplus campaign funds must be refunded to the**
9 **contributor if the contributor delivers a written request for refund to the**
10 **candidate within ten calendar days of the date of the election. If no written**
11 **request for refund is delivered within ten calendar days of the date of the**
12 **election, such surplus campaign funds may be used for the following items:**

13 **(a) For future political campaigns or activity related to preparing for**
14 **future candidacy to elective office.**

15 **(b) For any lawful purpose related to any of the following:**

16 **(i) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the**
17 **voters.**

18 **(ii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.**

19 **(iii) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any**
20 **committee.**

21 **(iv) Donations to an organization exempt from federal income tax under**
22 **Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

23 **(v) Lobbying.**

24 **(vi) Social and issue advocacy.**

25 **(vii) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee**
26 **making the expenditure, including costs and expense related to legal services**
27 **and costs, accounting services, and fundraising.**

28 **(viii) The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed against the**
29 **respective candidate or committee for a violation of this Chapter.**

1 **(c) to refund the designated contribution, or a portion thereof, to the**
2 **contributor.**

3 **(2) Redesignated surplus campaign contributions received from a**
4 **contributor shall not be considered as a contribution from the contributor for**
5 **the calculation of the amount contributed by the contributor to the candidate**
6 **for the candidate's next election campaign, such that the limits on contributions**
7 **calculated for each contributor under this Section shall remain separately**
8 **applicable for each separate election.**

9 **I.** If a contribution exceeds the contributions limitation provided in R.S.
10 18:1505.2(H), the candidate may reattribute the excess contribution to another
11 contributor as follows:

12 (1) If the contribution was made by a written instrument imprinted with the
13 names of more than one individual, the total contribution may be attributed among
14 the named individuals unless the instrument clearly indicates otherwise or the
15 candidate receives a separate writing signed by the contributors. Such attribution
16 shall not cause any contributor to exceed the contributions limitation provided in
17 R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

18 (2) If the contribution was made by a single contributor and the contribution
19 would cause the contributor to exceed the contributions limitation provided in R.S.
20 18:1505.2(H), the candidate may ask the contributor whether the contribution was
21 intended to be a joint contribution by more than one person. The candidate shall
22 notify the contributor in writing of the amount of the excess contribution and that the
23 contributor may request a refund of the contribution. If, within sixty days following
24 the date that the contribution was made, the contributors provide the candidate with
25 a written reattribution of the contribution, signed by each contributor indicating the
26 amount to be attributed to each contributor, the candidate may attribute the
27 contribution as indicated.

28 **I.J.** For purposes of this Section, "candidate" includes a candidate and the
29 candidate's principal or subsidiary campaign committee.

of the state central committee or a recognized political party, an officer of a recognized political party, member or officer of a parish executive committee of a recognized political party.

Proposed law defines "committee" for purposes of campaign finance, to include a recognized political party parish executive committee, a recognized party legislative delegation, or a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

Proposed law defines "contribution" for purposes of campaign finance, to include that made to a parish executive committee or a recognized party legislative delegation which receives contributions in an aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000 within any calendar year or any amount received by a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

Proposed law defines "coordinated expenditure" for purposes of campaign finance, to include those made by an individual, leadership committee, an independent-expenditure-only committee, or a political committee, and expenditures for electioneering communications.

Proposed law authorizes a committee to report expenditures made to a public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than \$5,000; requires that expenditures of \$5,000 or more made to a public relations firm, advertising agency, or agent be reported as expenditures made to the payee.

Proposed law provides that "expenditure" includes any communications over the internet, except for disbursements for express advocacy communications placed or promoted for a fee on another person's website, digital device, application, or advertising platform. Provides that a communication is promoted for a fee where a payment is made to a website, digital device, application, or advertising platform in order to increase the circulation, prominence, or availability of the communication on that website, digital device, application, or advertising platform.

Proposed law defines "electioneering communication" to be any one of the following items:

- (1) A communication including express advocacy supporting or opposing the nomination or election of a person to public office, the recall of a public official, or a proposition or question submitted to the voters.
- (2) A communication for which the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the presentation, content and context is that it is intended to appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate or for or against the recall of a specific elected official or a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

Defines "Parish executive committee" means the committee of a recognized political party organized and operating in a parish pursuant to present law, the members of which are elected in accordance with the qualifications established by the state central committee of a recognized political party.

Defines a "recognized party legislative delegation" to be a delegation composed of the members of a single house of the legislature who are registered as members of the same political party and who form a caucus or delegation that elects officers by majority vote and who collaborate to solicit and collect contributions and make expenditures to support their joint efforts and to make contributions or expenditures.

Present law requires that reports of records involving payments to purchase raffle tickets or paraphernalia, other than expenditures made by a committee for its own paraphernalia, and payments for tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events are contributions maintained, provided that no report is required as to any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess of \$50 and the

proceeds of which are received and deposited by a political committee, no record need be kept by the treasurer for the recipient committee, except the total amount received and deposited from the sale and the fact that the amount was received from the sale.

Proposed law retains these provisions but increases the \$50 amount to \$250.

Proposed law provides that as to certain reports filed with the supervisory committee the street number and street name of individual contributors is not to be made publicly available in any manner, including but not limited to disclosure on any governmental websites or in response to public records requests under the Public Records Law.

Proposed law changes certain reporting dates from February 15th to March 15th.

Present law provides that certain report requirements not apply to those filed by a leadership committee.

Proposed law retains present law but includes reports filed by a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

Proposed law provides for purposes of required reports, a contribution is considered received the earlier of:

- (1) When the contribution is deposited into a designated account of the candidate or committee.
- (2) If the contribution is not to be distributed pursuant to a joint fundraising agreement, ten calendar days have passed since the contribution was delivered to the candidate or committee.

Provides that a contribution that is mailed to the candidate is considered to be delivered on the date of the postmark; an in-kind contribution is considered to be received on the date that the goods or services are provided by the contributor.

Proposed law provides that in lieu of filing a full report then authorizes a candidate or a committee to file a certification of no material activity if any of the following occurs during the reporting period:

- (1) No contributions were received in excess of \$250.
- (2) No expenditures were made in excess of \$500.
- (3) No loans were made or received in excess of \$250.
- (4) No transfers of funds occurred in excess of \$250.
- (5) No interest or investment earnings were earned in excess of \$500.

Requires that the certification include all of the following items:

- (1) Be made on a form prescribed by the supervisory committee.
- (2) Be signed by the candidate, chairman, or treasurer.
- (3) Affirm that there has been no reportable financial activity since the closing date of the last filed report, small campaign affidavit, or certification of no material activity.

Requires that this satisfy the reporting requirement for that reporting period and that anyone who knowingly files a false certification is subject the penalties provided in law.

Proposed law provides that the governor or gubernatorial transition and inauguration have not duty to file a statement of organization, a statement of dissolution, or to maintain certain records to file certain reports listed in proposed law.

Proposed law provides a comprehensive list of items for which surplus funds may be used.

Proposed law provides a comprehensive list for use of coordinated expenditures with any recognized political party, parish executive committee, or with a recognized party legislative delegation.

Proposed law includes a list of expenditures for contributions received by a recognized political party, parish executive committee, and a registered party legislative delegation.

Proposed law prohibits a person from making a contribution, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, more than \$25,000 per calendar year to a parish executive committee.

Proposed law prohibits a person from making a contribution, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, more than \$25,000 per calendar year to a parish executive committee or recognized party legislative delegation.

Proposed law requires that designated surplus campaign funds be refunded to the contributor if the contributor delivers a written request for refund to the candidate within ten calendar days of the date of the election. Provides that if no written request for refund is delivered within ten calendar days of the date of the election, the surplus campaign funds may be used for the following items:

- (1) For future political campaigns or activity related to preparing for future candidacy to elective office.
- (2) For any lawful purpose related to any of the following:
 - (a) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters.
 - (b) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.
 - (c) Contributions, directly or by joint fundraising agreement, to any committee;
 - (d) Donations to an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - (e) Lobbying.
 - (f) Social and issue advocacy.
 - (g) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee making the expenditure, including costs and expense related to legal services and costs, accounting services, and fundraising.
 - (h) The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed against the respective candidate or committee for a violations of the campaign finance law.
- (3) For refunds to the designated contribution, or a portion thereof, to the contributor.

Proposed law provides that redesignated surplus campaign contributions received from a contributor are not be considered as a contribution from the contributor for the calculation of the amount contributed by the contributor to the candidate for the candidate's next election campaign. Requires that the limits on contributions calculated for each contributor shall remain separately applicable for each separate election.

Present law provides civil penalties for knowingly failing to file or timely file reports under present law. Proposed law provides that the amount of this penalty is \$100 per day, not to exceed \$2,500, for a gubernatorial transition.

Proposed law provides a civil penalty for failure to gubernatorial transition or inauguration reports in an amount not in excess of \$500.

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(Amends R.S. 18:1463(C) and (E), 1483(3)(a)(intro para), 1483(6), (7)(a)(iii) and (iv), (b)(i), (ii) and (iv), (c)(ii), (8), (10), (11)(a), (b) and (c), (d)(i) and (ii), (13), (16), (17), (21)(b) and (d), (24), (26), 1491.1(A) and (D), 1491.2(A)(3)(a), 1491.5(B)(2)(a) and (H), 1491.6(D)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), 1491.6(E)(intro para), 1491.6(E)(1) and (J), 1491.7(B)(4), (5), (8), (10), (13), (14) and (22), 1491.8, 1491.9(C)(2), 1495.3(B)(2)(a) and (H), 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2), (D)(1), (3)(a) and (b), 1495.4(E)(intro para), 1495.4(E)(1), 1495.5(B)(5), (7), (12), (14) and (C), 1495.6, 1501.1(A), 1501.1(C)(intro para), 1501.3(C)(intro para), 1505.2(B)(2), (D)(3)(c), (G), (H)(1)(c), 1505.2(H)(2)(a)(intro para), 1505.2(H)(2)(c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (H)(3)(a), (v), (H)(3)(c), (I)(1)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (I)(1)(b)(i)(cc), (I)(1)(b)(iii), 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(intro para), 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(bb), (cc) and (dd), (I)(1)(c)(ii), (I)(1)(c)(iii), (I)(1)(d)(i)(bb), (I)(1)(e)(i)(bb), (I)(1)(e)(ii)(bb) and (cc), 1505.2(I)(2)(a)(i)(dd), 1505.2(I)(2)(ii)(cc), 1505.2(I)(2)(v), 1505.2(I)(5)(a), 1505.2(7), 1505.2(K), 1505.2(L)(2), 1505.2(L)(5)(a)(ii), 1505.2(M)(5), 1505.2(O)(1), 1505.2.1(A)(1), (B), (C), (E), (F), (G), (H) and (I); adds R.S. 18:1483(7)(d)(vi), 1483(33) and (34), 1495.4(I), 1495.6.1, 1501.3(H), 1505.2(I)(1)(c)(i)(ee), 1505.2(I)(1)(e)(ii)(dd), 1505.2(1)(f), 1505.2(1)(g), 1505.2(1)(h), 1505.2.1(J), 1505.4(A)(2)(a)(vi) and 1505.5(B)(6); repeals R.S. 18:1463(C)(5))