

House Bill 310 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to revise the dates for primaries and elections and runoffs resulting therefrom; to revise times for qualifying for office; to revise the time for calling certain special elections; to revise the times for filing certain campaign financing disclosure reports; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended by revising subsections (c), (d), (e), and (i) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit; payment of qualifying fee; pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee; and military service, as follows:

"(c) ~~Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Code section, all~~ All candidates seeking election in a nonpartisan election shall file their notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee by the date prescribed in this subsection in order to be eligible to have their names placed on the nonpartisan election ballot by the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as the case may be, in the following manner:

(1) Each candidate for the office of judge of the superior court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or Justice of the Supreme Court, or the candidate's agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the nonpartisan election ballot shall file a notice of candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth~~ fourth Monday ~~in April~~ of the eleventh week immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the ~~fourth~~ such Monday ~~in April~~, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays;

(2) Each candidate for a county judicial office, a local school board office, or an office of a consolidated government, or the candidate's agent, desiring to have his or her name

placed on the nonpartisan election ballot shall file notice of candidacy in the office of the superintendent no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth Monday in April~~ of the eleventh week immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the fourth such Monday in April, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays;

(3) Each candidate for a nonpartisan municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's nonpartisan qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of such qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Nonpartisan qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the last Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal nonpartisan qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; and

(4) In any case where an incumbent has filed notice of candidacy and paid the prescribed qualifying fee in a nonpartisan election to succeed himself or herself in office but withdraws as a candidate for such office prior to the close of the applicable qualifying period prescribed in this subsection, qualifying for candidates other than such incumbent shall be reopened at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such reopening, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays.

~~(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Code section, all~~ All political body and independent candidates shall file their notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee by the date prescribed in this subsection in order to be eligible to have their names placed on the election ballot by the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as the case may be, in the following manner:

(1) Each candidate for federal or state office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State either during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth Monday in April~~ of the thirty-fifth week immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the fourth such Monday in April, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, in the case of a general

election. In the case of a special election to fill a federal office, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than 60 days prior to the special election. In the case of a special election to fill a state office, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State and no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than 25 days prior to the special election in the case of a special election;

(2) Each candidate for a county office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file notice of his or her candidacy in the office of the superintendent of his or her county either during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth~~ Monday ~~in April of the thirty-fifth week~~ immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following ~~the fourth such~~ Monday ~~in April~~, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, in the case of a general election and no earlier than the date of the call of the election and no later than 25 days prior to the election in the case of a special election;

(3) Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the last Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; and

(4)(A) In extraordinary circumstances as described in Code Section 21-2-543.1, each candidate, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, with the Office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and ~~not~~ no later than ten days after the announcement of such extraordinary circumstances.

(B) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where, during the 75 day period beginning on the date of the announcement of the vacancy:

- 101 (i) A regularly scheduled general election for the vacant office is to be held; or
102 (ii) Another special election for the vacant office is to be held pursuant to a writ for
103 a special election issued by the Governor prior to the date of the announcement of the
104 vacancy.

105 The hours of qualifying each day shall be from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. with one hour
106 allowed for the lunch break; provided, however, that municipalities which have normal
107 business hours which cover a lesser period of time shall conduct qualifying during normal
108 business hours for each such municipality. Except in the case of a special election, notice
109 of the opening and closing dates and the hours for candidates to qualify shall be published
110 at least two weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period.

111 (e) ~~Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Code section, each~~ Each candidate required
112 to file a notice of candidacy by this Code section shall, no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the
113 fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on
114 the second Tuesday in July immediately prior to the election, file with the same official
115 with whom he or she filed his or her notice of candidacy a nomination petition in the form
116 prescribed in Code Section 21-2-170, except that such petition shall not be required if such
117 candidate is:

118 (1) A nominee of a political party for the office of presidential elector when such party
119 has held a national convention and therein nominated candidates for President and Vice
120 President of the United States;

121 (2) Seeking office in a special election;

122 (3) An incumbent qualifying as a candidate to succeed himself or herself;

123 (4) A candidate seeking election in a nonpartisan election; or

124 (5) A nominee for a state-wide office by a duly constituted political body convention,
125 provided that the political body making the nomination has qualified to nominate
126 candidates for state-wide public office under the provisions of Code Section 21-2-180."

127 ~~"(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, for general~~
128 ~~elections held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the~~
129 ~~United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the~~
130 ~~legislatures and the United States House of Representatives, candidates in such elections~~
131 ~~shall qualify as provided in this subsection:~~

132 ~~(1) All candidates seeking election in a nonpartisan election shall file their notice of~~
133 ~~candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee by the date prescribed in this paragraph~~
134 ~~in order to be eligible to have their names placed on the nonpartisan election ballot by the~~
135 ~~Secretary of State or election superintendent, as the case may be, in the following~~
136 ~~manner:~~

~~(A) Each candidate for the office of judge of the superior court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or Justice of the Supreme Court, or the candidate's agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the nonpartisan election ballot shall file a notice of candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State at the same time as candidates for party nomination in the general primary as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-153, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays;~~

~~(B) Each candidate for a county judicial office, a local school board office, or an office of a consolidated government, or the candidate's agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the nonpartisan election ballot shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the superintendent at the same time as candidates for party nomination in the general primary as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-153, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; and~~

~~(C) In any case where an incumbent has filed notice of candidacy and paid the prescribed qualifying fee in a nonpartisan election to succeed himself or herself in office but withdraws as a candidate for such office prior to the close of the applicable qualifying period prescribed in this paragraph, qualifying for candidates other than such incumbent shall be reopened at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such reopening, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays;~~

~~(2) All political body and independent candidates shall file their notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee by the date prescribed in this paragraph in order to be eligible to have their names placed on the general election ballot by the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as the case may be, in the following manner:~~

~~(A) Each candidate for federal or state office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the general election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State either during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to such election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the last Monday in July immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the last Monday in July, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; and~~

~~(B) Each candidate for a county office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the general election ballot shall file notice of his or her candidacy in the office of the superintendent of his or her county either during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to such election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the last Monday in July immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the last Monday in July, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; and~~

~~(3) Candidates required to file nomination petitions under subsection (e) of this Code section shall file such petitions not earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in July immediately prior to the general election and not later than 12:00 Noon on the first Monday in August immediately prior to the general election Reserved.~~

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-150, relating to the date of the general primary and conflicts with political party conventions, as follows:

"21-2-150.

~~(a) Whenever any political party holds a primary to nominate candidates for public offices to be filled in the ensuing November election, such primary shall be held on the third Tuesday in July of the twenty-fourth week prior to the November general election in each even-numbered year or, in the case of municipalities, on the third Tuesday in July in each odd-numbered year, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.~~

~~(b)(1) Whenever the primary occurs during the same week of the national convention of either the political party whose candidates received the highest number of votes or the political party whose candidates received the next highest number of votes in the last presidential election, the general primary shall be conducted on the second Tuesday in July of such year. This paragraph shall not apply unless the date of the convention of the political party is announced by the political party prior to April 1 of the year in which the general primary is conducted.~~

~~(2) For general primaries held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the legislatures and the United States House of Representatives, the general primary shall be conducted on the last Tuesday in July."~~

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (c) and (f) of Code Section 21-2-153, relating to qualification of candidates for party nomination in a state or county primary, posting of list of all qualified candidates, filing of affidavit with political party by each qualifying candidate, and performance of military service does not create vacancy, as follows:

"(c)(1)(A) In the case of a general state or county primary, the candidates or their agents shall commence qualifying at 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth~~ Monday ~~in April~~ of the eleventh week immediately prior to the state or county primary and shall cease qualifying at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the ~~fourth~~ such Monday ~~in April~~, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays. All qualifying for federal and state offices shall be conducted in the state capitol.

~~(B) In the case of a general primary held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the legislatures and the United States House of Representatives:~~

~~(i) The candidates or their agents for political party nomination to county offices shall commence qualifying at 9:00 A.M. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to such primary and shall cease qualifying at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; and~~

~~(ii) Candidates for political party nomination to federal and state offices in a general primary shall commence qualifying at 9:00 A.M. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to such primary and shall cease qualifying at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, and shall qualify in person or by their agents with their respective political party in the state capitol under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of State may promulgate. All qualifying for federal and state offices on the last day of the qualifying period shall be conducted in the chamber of the House of Representatives in the state capitol Reserved.~~

(C) In the case of a special primary for a federal office, the candidate shall qualify no earlier than the date of the call for the special primary and no later than 25 ~~60~~ days immediately prior to the date of such special primary, and such qualifying period shall be open for a minimum of two and one-half days. In the case of a special primary for any other office, the candidate shall qualify no earlier than the date of the call for the

special primary and no later than 25 days immediately prior to the date of such special primary, and such qualifying period shall be open for a minimum of two and one-half days.

(D) In any case where an incumbent has qualified as a candidate to succeed himself or herself in office but withdraws as a candidate for such office prior to the close of the applicable qualifying period prescribed in this paragraph, qualifying for candidates other than such incumbent shall be reopened at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and shall cease at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such reopening, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays.

(2) If a political party has not designated at least 14 days immediately prior to the beginning of qualifying a party official in a county with whom the candidates of such party for county elective offices shall qualify, the election superintendent of the county shall qualify candidates on behalf of such party. The election superintendent shall give notice in the legal organ of the county at least three days before the beginning of qualifying giving the dates, times, and location for qualifying candidates on behalf of such political party."

"(f) Candidates for the office of presidential elector or their agents who have been nominated in accordance with the rules of a political party shall qualify beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the ~~fourth Monday in April~~ of the thirty-fifth week prior to the November general election in the year in which a presidential election shall be held and shall cease qualifying at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following ~~the fourth such Monday in April~~, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays; ~~provided, however, that, for presidential elections held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the legislatures and the United States House of Representatives, candidates for the office of presidential elector who have been nominated in accordance with the rules of a political party shall commence qualifying beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to such election and shall cease qualifying at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, and shall qualify in person or by their agents with their respective political party in the state capitol under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of State may promulgate. All qualifying for the office of presidential elector shall be conducted in the state capitol.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-172, relating to nomination of presidential electors and candidates of political bodies by convention, as follows:

"(e) A convention for the purpose of nominating candidates shall be held at least 150 days prior to the date on which the general election is conducted; ~~provided, however, that, in the case of a general election held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the legislatures and the United States House of Representatives, the convention shall be held at least 120 days prior to the date on which the general election is conducted.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-187, relating to holding of conventions by political bodies and filing notice of candidacy, as follows:

"21-2-187.

Political bodies shall hold their conventions in accordance with Code Section 21-2-172, and candidates nominated for state-wide public office in convention shall file a notice of candidacy no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-132; provided, however, that the political body must file its qualifying petition no later than 12:00 Noon on the second Tuesday in July following the convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172 in order to qualify its candidates to be listed on the general election ballot; ~~provided, further, that, for general elections held in the even-numbered year immediately following the official release of the United States decennial census data to the states for the purpose of redistricting of the legislatures and the United States House of Representatives, candidates nominated for state-wide public office shall file a notice of candidacy no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the last Monday in July immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the last Monday in July as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-132; provided, further, that the political body must file its qualifying petition no later than 12:00 Noon on the first Monday in August following the convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172 in order to qualify its candidates to be listed on the general election ballot.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, as follows:

"(d)(1) There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence;

~~(A) on~~ On the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election;

~~(B) and as On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general primary;~~

~~(C) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general election in which there are candidates for a federal office on the ballot in the runoff; and~~

~~(D) As soon as possible prior to a runoff from any other general election in which there are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the runoff~~

and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff.

Voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period

and shall be conducted on the second Saturday prior to a primary or election during the

hours of 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.; provided, however, that in primaries and elections

in which there are no federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours

shall be required. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, counties and

municipalities may extend the hours for voting beyond regular business hours and may

provide for additional voting locations pursuant to Code Section 21-2-382 to suit the

needs of the electors of the jurisdiction at their option."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-501, relating to number of votes required for election, as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, no candidate shall be nominated for public office in any primary or special primary or elected to public office in any election or special election unless such candidate shall have received a majority of the votes cast to fill such nomination or public office. In instances where no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a run-off primary, special primary runoff, run-off election, or special election runoff between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes shall be held. Unless such date is postponed by a court order, such run-off primary, ~~or special primary runoff, run-off election, or special election runoff~~ shall be held ~~on the twenty-first day after the day of holding the preceding primary or special primary, provided that, unless postponed by court order, a runoff in the case of an election or special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding election or special election; provided, however, that, in the event that a special election is held at the time of a general primary, any special election runoff shall be held at the time of the general primary runoff as provided in this subsection.~~

(2) In the case of a runoff from a general primary or a special primary or special election held in conjunction with a general primary, the runoff shall be held on the Tuesday of the ninth week following such general primary.

(3) In the case of a runoff from a general election for a federal office or a runoff from a special primary or special election for a federal office held in conjunction with a general election, the runoff shall be held on the Tuesday of the ninth week following such general election.

(4) In the case of a runoff from a general election for an office other than a federal office or a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office held in conjunction with a general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding general election.

(5) In the case of a runoff from a special primary or special election for a federal office not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the runoff shall be held on the Tuesday of the ninth week following such special primary or special election.

(6) In the case of a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special primary or special election.

(7) If any candidate eligible to be in a runoff withdraws, dies, or is found to be ineligible, the remaining candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes shall be the candidates in the runoff.

(8) The candidate receiving the highest number of the votes cast in such run-off primary, special primary runoff, run-off election, or special election runoff to fill the nomination or public office sought shall be declared the winner.

(9) The name of a write-in candidate eligible for election in a runoff shall be printed on the election or special election run-off ballot in the independent column.

(10) The run-off primary, special primary runoff, run-off election, or special election runoff shall be a continuation of the primary, special primary, election, or special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the primary, special primary, election, or special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein, and only those votes cast for the persons designated as candidates in such run-off primary, special primary runoff, run-off election, or special election runoff shall be counted in the tabulation and canvass of the votes cast. No elector shall vote in a run-off primary or special primary runoff in violation of Code Section 21-2-224."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct of special elections generally, as follows:

"(b) At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special primary and the holding of same, and at least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. The period during which candidates may qualify to run in a special primary or a special election shall remain open for a minimum of two and one-half days. Special elections which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election shall be called at least 90 days prior to the date of such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to special elections held on the same date as such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election but conducted completely separate and apart from such state-wide general primary or state-wide general election using different ballots or voting equipment, facilities, poll workers, and paperwork. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, special elections which are to be held in conjunction with the state-wide general primary or state-wide general election in 2014 shall be called at least 60 days prior to the date of such state-wide general primary or state-wide general election."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-5-34, relating to disclosure reports, as follows:

"(c) Candidates or campaign committees which accept contributions, make expenditures designed to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate, or have filed a declaration of intention to accept campaign contributions pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 21-5-30 shall file campaign contribution disclosure reports in compliance with the following schedule:

(1) In each nonelection year on January 31 and June 30;

(2) In each election year:

(A) On January 31, March 31, June 30, September 30, ~~and~~ October 25, and December 31;

(B) Six days before any run-off primary or election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot; and

(C) During the period of time between the last report due prior to the date of any election for which the candidate is qualified and the date of such election, all contributions of \$1,000.00 or more shall be reported within two business days of receipt

419 and also reported on the next succeeding regularly scheduled campaign contribution
420 disclosure report;

421 (3) If the candidate is a candidate in a special primary or special primary runoff, 15 days
422 prior to the special primary and six days prior to the special primary runoff; and

423 (4) If the candidate is a candidate in a special election or special election runoff, 15 days
424 prior to the special election and six days prior to the special election runoff.

425 All persons or entities required to file reports shall have a five-day grace period in filing
426 the required reports, except that the grace period shall be two days for required reports
427 prior to run-off primaries or run-off elections, and no grace period shall apply to
428 contributions required to be reported within two business days. Reports required to be filed
429 within two business days of a contribution shall be reported by facsimile or electronic
430 transmission. Any facsimile filing shall also have an identical electronic filing within five
431 business days following the transmission of such facsimile filing. Each report required in
432 the election year shall contain cumulative totals of all contributions which have been
433 received and all expenditures which have been made in support of the campaign in question
434 and which are required, or previously have been required, to be reported."

435 **SECTION 10.**

436 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
437 without such approval.

438 **SECTION 11.**

439 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.