

1 AN ACT relating to campaign finance.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 121.150 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) No contribution shall be made or received, directly or indirectly, other than an
5 independent expenditure, to support inauguration activities or to support or defeat a
6 candidate, slate of candidates, constitutional amendment, or public question which
7 will appear on the ballot in an election, except through the duly appointed campaign
8 manager, or campaign treasurer of the candidate, slate of candidates, or registered
9 committee. Any person making an independent expenditure, shall report these
10 expenditures when the expenditures by that person exceed five hundred dollars
11 (\$500) in the aggregate in any one (1) election, on a form provided or using a format
12 approved by the registry and shall sign a statement on the form, under penalty of
13 perjury, that the expenditure was an actual independent expenditure and that there
14 was no prior communication with the campaign on whose behalf it was made.
- 15 (2) Except as provided in subsection (11) of Section 2 of this Act~~[KRS 121.180(10)]~~,
16 the solicitation from and contributions by campaign committees, caucus campaign
17 committees, political issues committees, permanent committees, and party
18 executive committees to any religious, charitable, civic, eleemosynary, or other
19 causes or organizations established primarily for the public good is expressly
20 prohibited; except that it shall not be construed as a violation of this section for a
21 candidate or a slate of candidates to contribute to religious, civic, or charitable
22 groups.
- 23 (3) No candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing organization, nor
24 anyone acting on their behalf, shall accept any anonymous contribution in excess of
25 one hundred dollars (\$100), and all anonymous contributions in excess of one
26 hundred dollars (\$100) shall be returned to the donor, if the donor can be
27 determined. If no donor is found, the contribution shall escheat to the state. No

1 candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing organization, nor anyone
2 acting on their behalf shall accept anonymous contributions in excess of two
3 thousand dollars (\$2,000) in the aggregate in any one (1) election. Anonymous
4 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in the aggregate which are
5 received in any one (1) election shall escheat to the state.

6 (4) No candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing organization, nor
7 anyone on their behalf, shall accept a cash contribution in excess of one hundred
8 dollars (\$100) in the aggregate from each contributor in any one (1) election. No
9 candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing organization, nor anyone
10 on their behalf, shall accept a cashier's check or money order in excess of the
11 maximum cash contribution limit unless the instrument clearly identifies both the
12 payor and the payee. A contribution made by cashier's check or money order which
13 identifies both the payor and payee shall be treated as a contribution made by check
14 for purposes of the contribution limits contained in this section. No person shall
15 make a cash contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) in the aggregate in
16 any one (1) election to a candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing
17 organization, nor anyone on their behalf.

18 (5) No candidate, slate of candidates, committee, contributing organization, nor anyone
19 on their behalf, shall accept any contribution in excess of one hundred dollars
20 (\$100) from any person who shall not become eighteen (18) years of age on or
21 before the day of the next regular~~general~~ election.

22 (6) Except as provided in subsection (22) of this section, no candidate, slate of
23 candidates, campaign committee, nor anyone acting on their behalf, shall accept a
24 contribution of more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as indexed for inflation
25 every odd-numbered year using the preceding year's percent increase in the non-
26 seasonally adjusted annual average Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers
27 (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, All Items, for that year as published by the United

- 1 States Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest hundred dollars, from
2 any person, permanent committee, or contributing organization in any one (1)
3 election. No person, permanent committee, or contributing organization shall
4 contribute more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as indexed for inflation every
5 odd-numbered year using the preceding year's percent increase in the non-seasonally
6 adjusted annual average Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U),
7 U.S. City Average, All Items, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor
8 Statistics and rounded to the nearest hundred dollars, to any one (1) candidate,
9 campaign committee, nor anyone acting on their behalf, in any one (1) election.
- 10 (7) Permanent committees or contributing organizations affiliated by bylaw structure or
11 by registration, as determined by the Registry of Election Finance, shall be
12 considered as one (1) committee for purposes of applying the contribution limits of
13 subsection (6) of this section.
- 14 (8) No permanent committee shall contribute funds to another permanent committee for
15 the purpose of circumventing contribution limits of subsection (6) of this section.
- 16 (9) No person shall contribute funds to a permanent committee, political issues
17 committee, or contributing organization for the purpose of circumventing the
18 contribution limits of subsection (6) of this section.
- 19 (10) No person shall contribute more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as indexed for
20 inflation every odd-numbered year using the preceding year's percent increase in the
21 non-seasonally adjusted annual average Consumer Price Index for all Urban
22 Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, All Items, for that year as published by the
23 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest hundred dollars,
24 to a permanent committee or contributing organization in any one (1) year.
- 25 (11) (a) No person shall contribute more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the
26 state executive committee of a political party in any one (1) year. The
27 contribution limit in this paragraph shall not apply to a contribution

1 designated exclusively for a state executive committee's building fund account
2 established under KRS 121.172.

3 (b) No person shall contribute more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to a
4 subdivision or affiliate of a state political party in any one (1) year.

5 (c) No person shall contribute more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to a
6 caucus campaign committee in any one (1) year.

7 (12) No person shall make a payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of
8 money to another person to contribute to a candidate, a slate of candidates,
9 committee, contributing organization, or anyone on their behalf. No candidate, slate
10 of candidates, committee, contributing organization, nor anyone on their behalf
11 shall accept a contribution made by one (1) person who has received a payment,
12 distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money from another person to
13 contribute to a candidate, a slate of candidates, committee, contributing
14 organization, or anyone on their behalf.

15 (13) Subject to the provisions of subsection (17) of this section, no candidate or slate of
16 candidates for nomination to any state, county, city, or district office, nor their
17 campaign committees, nor anyone on their behalf, shall solicit or accept
18 contributions for primary election expenses after the date of the primary. No person
19 other than the candidate or slate of candidates shall contribute for primary election
20 expenses after the date of the primary.

21 (14) Subject to the provisions of subsection (17) of this section, no candidate or slate of
22 candidates for any state, county, city, or district office at a regular election, nor their
23 campaign committees, nor anyone on their behalf, shall solicit or accept
24 contributions for regular election expenses after the date of the regular election. No
25 person other than the candidate or slate of candidates shall contribute for regular
26 election expenses after the date of the regular election.

27 (15) Subject to the provisions of subsection (17) of this section, no candidate or slate of

1 candidates for nomination or election to any state, county, city, or district office, nor
2 their campaign committees, nor anyone on their behalf, shall solicit or accept
3 contributions for special election expenses after the date of the special election. No
4 person other than the candidate or slate of candidates shall contribute for special
5 election expenses after the date of the special election.

6 (16) The provisions of subsections (13) and (14) of this section shall apply only to those
7 candidates in a primary or regular election which shall be conducted subsequent to
8 January 1, 1989. The provisions of subsection (15) of this section shall apply only
9 to those candidates or slates of candidates in a special election which shall be
10 conducted subsequent to January 1, 1993.

11 (17) A candidate, slate of candidates, or a campaign committee may solicit and accept
12 contributions after the date of a primary~~election~~, regular election, or special
13 election to defray necessary expenses that arise after the date of the election
14 associated with election contests, recounts, and recanvasses of a specific election,
15 complaints regarding alleged campaign finance violations that are filed with the
16 registry pertaining to a specific election, or other legal actions pertaining to a
17 specific election to which a candidate, slate of candidates, or campaign committee is
18 a party, and for repayment of debts and obligations owed by the campaign. Reports
19 of contributions received and expenditures made after the date of the specific
20 election shall be made in accordance with KRS 121.180.

21 (18) No candidate, slate of candidates, committee, except a political issues committee, or
22 contributing organization, nor anyone on their behalf, shall knowingly accept a
23 contribution from a corporation, directly or indirectly, except to the extent that the
24 contribution is designated to a state executive committee's building fund account
25 established under KRS 121.172.

26 (19) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the ability of a corporation to
27 administer its permanent committee insofar as its actions can be deemed not to

1 influence an election as prohibited by KRS 121.025.

2 (20) No candidate, slate of candidates, or committee, nor anyone on their behalf, shall
3 solicit a contribution of money or services from a state employee, whether or not the
4 employee is covered by the classified service provisions of KRS Chapter 18A.
5 However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection for a state employee to
6 receive a solicitation directed to him as a registered voter in an identified precinct as
7 part of an overall plan to contact voters not identified as state employees.

8 (21) No candidate or slate of candidates for any office in this state shall accept a
9 contribution, including an in-kind contribution, which is made from funds in a
10 federal campaign account. No person shall make a contribution, including an in-
11 kind contribution, from funds in a federal campaign account to any candidate or
12 slate of candidates for any office in this state.

13 (22) It shall be permissible for a married couple to make a contribution with one (1)
14 check that reflects the combined individual contribution limits of each individual
15 spouse per election, as set forth in subsection (6) of this section, for all elections in
16 a calendar year and the following shall be required to be written on the check:

17 (a) The signatures of both spouses on the signature line of the check; and

18 (b) The designation of each contribution amount and the election or elections to
19 which they apply shall be memorialized on the memo line of the check.

20 **(23) Beginning with the regular election in 2019, if a candidate or slate of candidates**
21 **for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of**
22 **Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Commissioner of**
23 **Agriculture, Labor and Statistics makes a personal loan to their committee, and if**
24 **the candidate or slate of candidates is elected to that office, no repayment of the**
25 **personal loan to the candidate or slate of candidates who made the loan shall be**
26 **accepted after one (1) calendar year from the date that the candidate or slate of**
27 **candidates takes the oath of office. A report of repayment shall be made under**

1 **Section 2 of this Act on a form or using a format prescribed by the Registry of**
2 **Election Finance in administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter**
3 **13A.**

4 ➔Section 2. KRS 121.180 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) (a) Any candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues committee shall be
6 exempt from filing any campaign finance reports required by subsections (3)
7 and (4) of this section if the candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues
8 committee chair files a form prescribed and furnished by the registry stating
9 that currently no contributions have been received and that contributions will
10 not be accepted or expended in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in
11 any one (1) election. A separate form shall be required for each primary,
12 regular, or special election in which the candidate or slate of candidates
13 participates or in which the public question appears on the ballot, unless the
14 candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues committee chair indicates on
15 a request for exemption that the request will be applicable to more than one
16 (1) election. The form shall be filed with the same office with which a
17 candidate or slate of candidates files nomination papers or, in the case of a
18 political issues committee, with the registry.

19 (b) For a primary, a candidate or slate of candidates shall file a request for
20 exemption not later than the deadline for filing nomination papers and, except
21 as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, shall be
22 bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing not later than thirty (30)
23 days preceding the primary. For a regular election, a candidate or slate of
24 candidates shall file or rescind in writing a request for exemption not later
25 than sixty (60) days preceding the regular election, except as provided in
26 subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection. For a special election, a
27 candidate or slate of candidates shall file a request for exemption not later

1 than ten (10) days after the candidate or slate of candidates is nominated for a
2 special election and shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in
3 writing not later than thirty (30) days preceding the special election. A
4 political issues committee chair shall file a request for exemption when the
5 committee registers with the registry and shall be bound by its terms unless it
6 is rescinded in writing not later than thirty (30) days preceding the date the
7 issue appears on the ballot.

8 (c) 1. A candidate or slate of candidates that revokes a request for exemption
9 in a timely manner shall file all reports required of a candidate intending
10 to raise or spend in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in an
11 election. To revoke the request for an exemption, the candidate or slate
12 of candidates shall file the appropriate form with the registry not later
13 than the deadline for filing a revocation.

14 2. A candidate or slate of candidates that is exempted from campaign
15 finance reporting requirements pursuant to paragraph (a) of this
16 subsection but who accepts contributions or makes expenditures in
17 excess of the exempted amount in an election, shall file all applicable
18 reports required for the remainder of that election, based upon the
19 amount of contributions or expenditures the candidate or slate of
20 candidates accepts or receives in that election. The filing of applicable
21 required reports by a candidate or slate of candidates after the exempted
22 amount is exceeded shall serve as notice to the registry that the initial
23 exemption has been rescinded. No further notice to the registry shall be
24 required and no penalty for exceeding the initial exempted amount shall
25 be imposed against the candidate or slate of candidates, except for
26 failure to file applicable reports required after the exempted amount is
27 exceeded.

- 1 (d) Any candidate or slate of candidates that is subject to a June or August filing
2 deadline and that intends to execute a request for exemption shall file the
3 appropriate request for exemption not later than the filing deadline and, except
4 as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, shall be
5 bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing not later than sixty (60)
6 days preceding the regular election. A candidate or slate of candidates that is
7 covered by this paragraph shall have the same reversion rights as those
8 provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- 9 (e) Any candidate or slate of candidates that will appear on the ballot in a regular
10 election that has signed a request for exemption for that election may exercise
11 the reversion rights provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this
12 subsection if a candidate or slate of candidates that is subject to a June or
13 August filing deadline subsequently files in opposition to the candidate or
14 slate of candidates. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of
15 this subsection, a candidate or slate of candidates covered by this paragraph
16 shall comply with the deadline for rescission provided in subparagraph 1. of
17 paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- 18 (f) Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, any
19 candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a request for exemption for a
20 regular election that later is opposed by a person who has filed a declaration of
21 intent to receive write-in votes may rescind the request for exemption and
22 exercise the reversion rights provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of
23 this subsection.
- 24 (g) Any candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a request for exemption
25 may petition the registry to determine whether another person is campaigning
26 as a write-in candidate prior to having filed a declaration of intent to receive
27 write-in votes, and, if the registry determines upon a preponderance of the

1 evidence that a person who may later be a write-in candidate is conducting a
2 campaign, the candidate or slate of candidates, except as provided in
3 subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, may petition the registry
4 to permit the candidate or slate of candidates to exercise the reversion rights
5 provided in subparagraph 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection.

6 (h) If the opponent of a candidate or slate of candidates is replaced due to his or
7 her withdrawal because of death, disability, or disqualification, the candidate
8 or slate of candidates, except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c)
9 of this subsection, may exercise the reversion rights provided in subparagraph
10 1. of paragraph (c) of this subsection not later than fifteen (15) days after the
11 party executive committee nominates a replacement for the withdrawn
12 candidate or slate of candidates.

13 (i) A person intending to be a write-in candidate for any office in a regular or
14 special election may execute a request for exemption under paragraph (a) of
15 this subsection and shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in writing
16 not later than fifteen (15) days preceding the regular or special election. A
17 person intending to be a write-in candidate who revokes a request for
18 exemption in a timely manner shall file all reports required of a candidate
19 intending to raise or spend in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in an
20 election. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this
21 subsection, a person intending to be a write-in candidate who revokes a
22 request for exemption shall file the appropriate form with the registry.

23 (j) Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this subsection, the
24 campaign committee of any candidate or slate of candidates that has filed a
25 request for exemption or a political issues committee whose chair has filed a
26 request for exemption shall be bound by its terms unless it is rescinded in a
27 timely manner.

- 1 (k) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this
2 subsection, any candidate, slate of candidates, or political issues
3 committee that is exempt from filing campaign finance reports pursuant
4 to paragraph (a), (d), or (i) of this subsection that accepts contributions
5 or makes expenditures, or whose campaign treasurer accepts
6 contributions or makes expenditures, in excess of the applicable limit in
7 any one (1) election without rescinding the request for exemption in a
8 timely manner shall comply with all applicable reporting requirements
9 and, in lieu of other penalties prescribed by law, pay a fine of not less
10 than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 11 2. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of paragraph (c) of this
12 subsection, a candidate, slate of candidates, campaign committee, or
13 political issues committee that is exempt from filing campaign finance
14 reports pursuant to paragraph (a), (d), or (i) of this subsection that
15 knowingly accepts contributions or makes expenditures in excess of the
16 applicable spending limit in any one (1) election without rescinding the
17 request for exemption in a timely manner shall comply with all
18 applicable reporting requirements and shall be guilty of a Class D
19 felony.
- 20 (2) (a) State and county executive committees, and caucus campaign committees
21 shall make a full report, upon a prescribed form, to the registry, of all money,
22 loans, or other things of value, received from any source, and expenditures
23 authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last report, including:
- 24 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee,
25 the name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of
26 the contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major
27 business, social, or political interest represented by the permanent

- 1 committee;
- 2 2. For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full
3 name, address, age if less than the legal voting age, the date of the
4 contribution, the amount of the contribution, and the employer and
5 occupation of each contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the
6 name under which he or she is doing business shall be listed;
- 7 3. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting
8 period; and
- 9 4. A complete statement of expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.
10 The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name and
11 address of each person to whom an expenditure is made in excess of
12 twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of each
13 expenditure.
- 14 (b) In addition to the reporting requirements in paragraph (a) of this subsection,
15 the state executive committee of a political party that has established a
16 building fund account under KRS 121.172 shall make a full report, upon a
17 prescribed form, to the registry, of all contributions received from any source,
18 and expenditures authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last
19 report for the separate building fund account, including:
- 20 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a corporation, the name
21 and business address of the corporation, the date of the contribution, the
22 amount contributed, and a description of the major business conducted
23 by the corporation;
- 24 2. For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full
25 name and address of the contributor, the date of the contribution, the
26 amount of the contribution, and the employer and occupation of each
27 contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the name under which he

1 or she is doing business shall be listed;

2 3. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting
3 period; and

4 4. A complete statement of expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.
5 The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name and
6 address of each person to whom an expenditure is made in excess of
7 twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of each
8 expenditure.

9 (c) The report required by paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be made on a
10 semiannual basis and shall be received by the registry by January 31 and by
11 July 31. The January report shall cover the period from July 1 to December
12 31. The July report shall cover the period from January 1 to June 30. If an
13 individual gives a reportable contribution to a caucus campaign committee or
14 to a state or county executive committee with the intention that the
15 contribution or a portion of the contribution go to a candidate or slate of
16 candidates, the name of the contributor and the sum shall be indicated on the
17 committee report. The report required by paragraph (b) of this subsection
18 relating to a state executive committee's building fund account shall be
19 received by the registry within two (2) business days after the close of each
20 calendar quarter. The receipts and expenditures of funds remitted to each
21 political party under KRS 141.071 to 141.073 shall be separately accounted
22 for and reported to the registry in the manner required by KRS 121.230. The
23 separate report may be made a separate section within the report required by
24 this subsection to be received by the registry by January 31.

25 (3) (a) Except for candidates or slates of candidates, campaign committees, or
26 political issues committees exempted from reporting requirements pursuant to
27 subsection (1) of this section, each campaign treasurer of a candidate, slate of

1 candidates, campaign committee, or political issues committee who accepts
2 contributions or expends, expects to accept contributions or expend, or
3 contracts to expend more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in any one (1)
4 election, and each fundraiser who secures contributions in excess of three
5 thousand dollars (\$3,000) in any one (1) election, shall make a full report to
6 the registry, on a form provided or using a format approved by the registry, of
7 all money, loans, or other things of value, received from any source, and
8 expenditures authorized, incurred, and made, since the date of the last report,
9 including:

- 10 1. For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee,
11 the name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of
12 the contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major
13 business, social, or political interest represented by the permanent
14 committee;
- 15 2. For each contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) made to a
16 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office, or to
17 a campaign committee for a candidate or slate of candidates for a
18 statewide-elected state office, the date, name, address, occupation, and
19 employer of each contributor and the spouse of the contributor or, if the
20 contributor or spouse of the contributor is self-employed, the name
21 under which he or she is doing business, and the amount contributed by
22 each contributor;
- 23 3. For each contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) made to
24 any candidate or campaign committee other than those specified in
25 subparagraph 2. of this paragraph or a political issues committee, the full
26 name, address, age if less than the legal voting age, the date of the
27 contribution, the amount of the contribution, and the employer and

1 occupation of each other contributor. If the contributor is self-employed,
2 the name under which he or she is doing business shall be listed;

3 4. The total amount of cash contributions received during the reporting
4 period; and

5 5. A complete statement of all expenditures authorized, incurred, or made.
6 The complete statement of expenditures shall include the name, address,
7 and occupation of each person to whom an expenditure is made in
8 excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and the amount, date, and purpose of
9 each expenditure.

10 (b) Reports of all candidates, slates of candidates, campaign committees, political
11 issues committees, and registered fundraisers shall be made as follows:

12 1. Candidates as defined in KRS 121.015(8), slates of candidates,
13 candidate-authorized and unauthorized campaign committees, political
14 issues committees, and fundraisers which register in the year before the
15 year an election in which the candidate, a slate of candidates, or public
16 question shall appear on the ballot, shall file financial reports with the
17 registry at the end of the first calendar quarter after persons become
18 candidates or slates of candidates, or following registration of the
19 committee or fundraiser, and each calendar quarter thereafter, ending
20 with the last calendar quarter of that year. Candidates, slates of
21 candidates, committees, and registered fundraisers shall make all reports
22 required by this section during the year in which the election takes place,
23 **except as provided in subsection (8) of this section;**

24 2. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and
25 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and
26 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the sixtieth day preceding a
27 regular election, including all previous contributions and expenditures;

- 1 3. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and
2 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and
3 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the thirtieth day preceding
4 an election, including all previous contributions and expenditures;
- 5 4. All candidates, slates of candidates, candidate-authorized and
6 unauthorized campaign committees, political issues committees, and
7 registered fundraisers shall make reports on the fifteenth day preceding
8 the date of the election; and
- 9 5. All reports to the registry shall cover campaign activity during the entire
10 reporting period and must be received by the registry within two (2)
11 business days after the date the reporting period ends to be deemed
12 timely filed.
- 13 (4) Except for candidates, slates of candidates, and political issues committees,
14 exempted pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section, all candidates, regardless of
15 funds received or expended, candidate-authorized and unauthorized campaign
16 committees, political issues committees, and registered fundraisers shall make post-
17 election reports within thirty (30) days after the election. All post-election reports to
18 the registry shall cover campaign activity during the entire reporting period and
19 must be received by the registry within two (2) business days after the date the
20 reporting period ends to be deemed timely filed.
- 21 (5) In making the preceding reports, the total gross receipts from each of the following
22 categories shall be listed: proceeds from the sale of tickets for events such as
23 testimonial affairs, dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events, mass
24 collections made at the events, and sales of items such as campaign pins, buttons,
25 hats, ties, literature, and similar materials. When any individual purchase or the
26 aggregate purchases of any item enumerated above from a candidate or slate of
27 candidates for a statewide-elected state office or a campaign committee for a

1 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office exceeds one
2 hundred dollars (\$100), the purchaser shall be identified by name, address, age, if
3 less than the legal voting age, occupation, and employer and the employer of the
4 spouse of the purchaser or, if the purchaser or the spouse of the purchaser is self-
5 employed, the name under which he or she is doing business, and the amount of the
6 purchase. When any individual purchase or the aggregate purchases of any item
7 enumerated above from any candidate or campaign committee other than a
8 candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office or campaign
9 committee for a candidate or slate of candidates for a statewide-elected state office
10 exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), the purchaser shall be identified by name,
11 address, age if less than the legal voting age, occupation, and employer, or if the
12 purchaser is self-employed, the name under which he or she is doing business, and
13 the amount of the purchase. The lists shall be maintained by the campaign treasurer,
14 political issues committee treasurer, registered fundraiser, or other sponsor for
15 inspection by the registry for six (6) years following the date of the election.

16 (6) Each permanent committee, except a federally registered permanent committee,
17 inaugural committee, or contributing organization shall make a full report to the
18 registry, on a form provided or using a format approved by the registry, of all
19 money, loans, or other things of value, received by it from any source, and all
20 expenditures authorized, incurred, or made, since the date of the last report,
21 including:

22 (a) For each contribution of any amount made by a permanent committee, the
23 name and business address of the permanent committee, the date of the
24 contribution, the amount contributed, and a description of the major business,
25 social, or political interest represented by the permanent committee;

26 (b) For other contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the full name,
27 address, age if under the legal voting age, the date of the contribution, the

- 1 amount of the contribution, and the employer and occupation of each
2 contributor. If the contributor is self-employed, the name under which he or
3 she is doing business shall be listed;
- 4 (c) An aggregate amount of cash contributions, the amount contributed by each
5 contributor, and the date of each contribution; and
- 6 (d) A complete statement of all expenditures authorized, incurred, or made,
7 including independent expenditures. This report shall be made by a permanent
8 committee, inaugural committee, or contributing organization to the registry
9 on the last day of the first calendar quarter following the registration of the
10 committee with the registry and on the last day of each succeeding calendar
11 quarter until such time as the committee terminates. A contributing
12 organization shall file a report of contributions received and expenditures on a
13 form provided or using a format approved by the registry not later than the last
14 day of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or
15 expenditures are made. All reports to the registry shall be received on or
16 before each filing deadline, and any report received by the registry within two
17 (2) business days after each filing deadline shall be deemed timely filed.
- 18 (7) If the final statement of a candidate, campaign committee, or political issues
19 committee shows an unexpended balance of contributions, continuing debts and
20 obligations, or an expenditure deficit, the campaign treasurer shall file with the
21 registry a supplemental statement of contributions and expenditures not more than
22 thirty (30) days after the deadline for filing the final statement. Subsequent
23 supplemental statements shall be filed annually, to be received by the registry by
24 December 1 of each year, until the account shows no unexpended balance,
25 continuing debts and obligations, expenditures, or deficit, or until the year before
26 the candidate or a slate of candidates seeks to appear on the ballot for the same
27 office for which the funds in the campaign account were originally contributed, in

1 which case the candidate or a slate of candidates shall file the supplemental annual
2 report by December 1 of that year or at the end of the first calendar quarter of that
3 year after the candidate or slate of candidates files nomination papers for the next
4 year's primary or regular election. All post-election reports to the registry shall
5 cover campaign activity during the entire reporting period and must be received by
6 the registry within two (2) business days after the date the reporting period ends to
7 be deemed timely filed. All contributions shall be subject to KRS 121.150 as of the
8 date of the election in which the candidate appeared on the ballot.

9 (8) *If the final statement or supplemental statement of a candidate or slate of*
10 *candidates elected to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,*
11 *Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or*
12 *Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics shows an unpaid balance of*
13 *any personal loan or loans to their committee, the candidate or slate of*
14 *candidates shall file the report required under subsection (23) of Section 1 of this*
15 *Act by December 31 of the year following their election.*

16 (9) All reports filed under the provisions of this chapter shall be a matter of public
17 record open to inspection by any member of the public immediately upon receipt of
18 the report by the registry.

19 ~~(10)~~⁽⁹⁾ A candidate or slate of candidates is relieved of the duty personally to file
20 reports and keep records of receipts and expenditures if the candidate or slate states
21 in writing or on forms provided by the registry that:

22 (a) Within five (5) business days after personally receiving any contributions, the
23 candidate or slate of candidates shall surrender possession of the contributions
24 to the treasurer of their principal campaign committee without expending any
25 of the proceeds thereof. No contributions shall be commingled with the
26 candidate's or slated candidates' personal funds or accounts. Contributions
27 received by check, money order, or other written instrument shall be endorsed

1 directly to the campaign committee and shall not be cashed or redeemed by
2 the candidate;

3 (b) The candidate or slate of candidates shall not make any unreimbursed
4 expenditure for the campaign, except that this paragraph does not preclude a
5 candidate or slate from making an expenditure from personal funds to the
6 designated principal campaign committee, which shall be reported by the
7 committee as a contribution received; and

8 (c) The waiver shall continue in effect as long as the candidate or slate of
9 candidates complies with the conditions under which it was granted.

10 ~~(11)~~~~(10)~~ No candidate, slate of candidates, campaign committee, political issues
11 committee, or contributing organization shall use or permit the use of contributions
12 or funds solicited or received for the person or in support of or opposition to a
13 public issue which will appear on the ballot to further the candidacy of the person
14 for a different public office, to support or oppose a different public issue, or to
15 further the candidacy of any other person for public office; except that nothing in
16 this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit a candidate or slate of candidates from
17 using funds in the campaign account to purchase admission tickets for any
18 fundraising event or testimonial affair for another candidate or slate of candidates if
19 the amount of the purchase does not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per event or
20 affair. Any funds or contributions solicited or received by or on behalf of a
21 candidate, slate of candidates, or any committee, which has been organized in whole
22 or in part to further any candidacy for the same person or to support or oppose the
23 same public issue, shall be deemed to have been solicited or received for the current
24 candidacy or for the election on the public issue if the funds or contributions are
25 solicited or received at any time prior to the regular election for which the
26 candidate, slate of candidates, or public issue is on the ballot. Any unexpended
27 balance of funds not otherwise obligated for the payment of expenses incurred to

1 further a political issue or the candidacy of a person shall, in whole or in part, at the
2 election of the candidate or committee, escheat to the State Treasury, be returned
3 pro rata to all contributors, or, in the case of a partisan candidate, be transferred to a
4 caucus campaign committee, or to the state or county executive committee of the
5 political party of which the candidate is a member except that a candidate,
6 committee, or an official may retain the funds to further the same public issue or to
7 seek election to the same office or may donate the funds to any charitable,
8 nonprofit, or educational institution recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the
9 United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor
10 thereto.

11 ~~(12)~~~~(11)~~ If adequate and appropriate agency funds are available to implement this
12 subsection, electronic reporting shall be made available by the registry to all
13 candidates, slates of candidates, committees, contributing organizations, registered
14 fundraisers, and persons making independent expenditures. The electronic report
15 submitted to the registry shall be the official campaign finance report for audit and
16 other legal purposes, whether mandated or filed by choice.

17 ~~(13)~~~~(12)~~ Filers not required to file reports electronically, as set forth in this section, are
18 strongly encouraged to do so voluntarily.

19 ~~(14)~~~~(13)~~ The date that an electronic or on-line report shall be deemed to have been filed
20 with the registry shall be the date on which it is received by the registry.

21 ~~(15)~~~~(14)~~ All electronic or online filers shall affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the
22 report filed with the registry is complete and accurate.

23 ~~(16)~~~~(15)~~ Filers who submit electronic campaign finance reports which are not readable,
24 or cannot be copied, or are not accompanied by any requisite paper copy shall be
25 deemed to not be in compliance with the requirements set forth in this section.

26 ~~(17)~~~~(16)~~ Beginning with the primary scheduled in calendar year 2020, and for each
27 subsequent election scheduled thereafter, reports required to be submitted to the

1 registry involving candidates, slates of candidates, committees, contributing
2 organizations, and independent expenditures shall be reported electronically.

3 ~~(18)~~~~(17)~~ (a) On each paper and electronic form that the registry supplies for the
4 reports required under subsections (2), (3), and (6) of this section, the registry
5 shall include an entry reading, "No change since last report."

6 (b) If a person or entity that is required to report under subsection (2), (3), or (6)
7 of this section has received no money, loans, or other things of value from any
8 source since the date of its last report and has not authorized, incurred, or
9 made any expenditures since that date, the person or entity may check or
10 otherwise designate the entry that reads, "No change since last report." A
11 person or entity designating this entry in a report shall state the balance carried
12 forward from the last report but need not specify receipts or expenditures in
13 further detail.

14 ➔Section 3. KRS 23A.070 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The Thirtieth Judicial Circuit is entitled to twenty-three (23) judges and shall have
16 twenty-three (23) numbered divisions of the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court
17 divisions designated for family court shall be consecutively numbered beginning
18 with the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit, First Division, Family Court. All other Circuit
19 Court divisions shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the Thirtieth
20 Judicial Circuit, First Division, and shall appear on the ballot prior to the designated
21 family court divisions. These designations shall apply for election purposes and all
22 other purposes.

23 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (11) of Section 2 of this Act~~KRS~~
24 ~~121.180(10)~~ to the contrary, a judicial candidate whose division number is altered
25 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section subsequent to the establishment of a
26 campaign account with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance may expend the
27 funds contained in the established account for election to the judicial division to

1 which they were elected or appointed.