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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Guthrie, Menard, O`Grady, and Hearn

Date Introduced: January 10, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-25-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-25 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting" is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **17-25-7. Contents of reports to be filed by treasurers of candidates and committees.**

5 -- (a) Each campaign treasurer of a candidate, each state and municipal committee of a political
6 party, and each political action committee shall keep accurate records and make a full report,
7 upon a form prescribed by the board of elections, of all contributions received by it in excess of a
8 total of one hundred dollars (\$100) from any one source within a calendar year, in furtherance of
9 the nomination, election, or defeat of any candidate or the approval or rejection of any question
10 submitted to the voters, or at any financial town meeting or other election at which amendments
11 to a city or town charter are proposed, during the period from the date of the last report, or in the
12 case of the initial report, beginning on the date of the appointment of the campaign treasurer for
13 state and municipal committees and political action committees and on the date a person becomes
14 a "candidate", as defined in section 17-25-3(2) for individual candidates. The report shall contain
15 the name and address and place of employment of each person or source from whom the
16 contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) were received, and the amount contributed
17 by each person or source. The report shall be filed with the board of elections on the dates
18 designated in section 17-25-11. The campaign treasurer of the candidate, or committee reporting,
19 shall certify to the correctness of each report.

1 (b) Each state and municipal committee of a political party shall also file with the board
2 of elections, not later than March 1 of each year, an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all
3 contributions received and all expenditures made during the previous calendar year, whether or
4 not these expenditures were made, incurred, or authorized in furtherance of the election or defeat
5 of any candidate. The treasurer of the committee or organization reporting shall certify to the
6 correctness of each report.

7 (c) Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall include contributions
8 received from any "testimonial affair", as defined in section 17-25-3, held since the date of the
9 most recent report filed.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would require any political party or political action committee which advocates
2 any question considered at any financial town meeting or at any election at which amendments to
3 a city or town charter are proposed to file a report with the board of canvassers of all the
4 contributions it receives from any one source in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100).

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