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campaign committees; termination statements; contributions

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# HOUSE BILL 2874

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-928, 16-934 AND 16-937, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;  
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-928, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-928. Filing officer; statements and reports

5 A. A person that is required to file any statements and reports  
6 required by this article and articles 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7  
7 of this chapter shall file with the filing officer in charge of that  
8 election, as follows:

9 1. The secretary of state is the filing officer for statewide and  
10 legislative elections, including retention elections for supreme court  
11 justices and court of appeals judges. The secretary of state is also the  
12 filing officer for committees that support or oppose a recall election or  
13 the circulation of a petition for a recall election for a statewide or  
14 legislative officeholder, for committees that support or oppose a  
15 statewide initiative or referendum or other statewide ballot measure,  
16 question or proposition or the circulation of a petition for a statewide  
17 initiative or referendum or other statewide ballot measure, question or  
18 proposition.

19 2. The county officer in charge of elections is the filing officer  
20 for county, school district, community college district and special taxing  
21 district elections, including retention elections for superior court  
22 judges. The county officer in charge of elections is also the filing  
23 officer for committees that support or oppose a recall election or the  
24 circulation of a petition for a recall election for an officeholder of a  
25 county office, a school district governing board office, a community  
26 college district governing board office or a special taxing district  
27 governing board office, for committees that support or oppose a county,  
28 school district, community college district or special taxing district  
29 initiative or referendum or other ballot measure, question or proposition,  
30 including bond, tax, budget and budget override measures or that oppose or  
31 support the circulation of a petition for a county, school district,  
32 community college district or special taxing district initiative or  
33 referendum or other county, school district, community college district or  
34 special taxing district ballot measure, question or proposition.

35 3. The city or town clerk is the filing officer for city and town  
36 elections. The city or town clerk is also the filing officer for  
37 committees that support or oppose a recall election or the circulation of  
38 a petition for a recall election for a city or town officeholder, for  
39 committees that support or oppose a city or town initiative or referendum  
40 or other city or town ballot measure, question or proposition or the  
41 circulation of a petition for a city or town initiative or referendum or  
42 other city ballot measure, question or proposition.

43 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a standing  
44 committee shall file reports only with the secretary of state.

1 C. A filing officer shall provide the option for electronic filing,  
2 ~~and~~ shall make all statements and reports publicly available on the  
3 internet AND WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE FOR FILING A REPORT  
4 SHALL PUBLISH A LISTING OF ALL ACTIVE COMMITTEES THAT OWE PENALTIES FOR  
5 LATE FILING OF REPORTS. A filing officer may comply with this section by  
6 opting into the secretary of state's electronic filing system.

7 Sec. 2. Section 16-934, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
8 read:

9 16-934. Termination statement; filing; contents

10 A. A committee may terminate only when the committee treasurer  
11 files a termination statement with the filing officer with whom the  
12 committee's statement of organization was filed.

13 B. In the termination statement, the committee treasurer shall  
14 certify under penalty of perjury that ~~it~~ EITHER of the following ~~apply~~  
15 APPLIES:

16 1. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS.

17 2. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
18 APPLY:

19 ~~1-~~ (a) The committee will no longer receive any contributions or  
20 make any disbursements.

21 ~~2-~~ (b) The committee either:

22 ~~(a)~~ (i) Has no outstanding debts, ~~or~~ obligations OR VOID PENALTIES  
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-937, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1.

24 ~~(b)~~ (ii) Has outstanding debts or obligations, or both, that are  
25 all more than five years old, and that the committee's creditors have  
26 agreed to discharge the debts and obligations and have agreed to the  
27 termination of the committee.

28 ~~3-~~ (c) Any surplus monies have been disposed of and that the  
29 committee has no cash on hand.

30 ~~4-~~ (d) All contributions and expenditures have been reported,  
31 including any disposal of surplus monies.

32 C. A filing officer may reject the termination statement if it  
33 appears to the filing officer that the requirements in subsection B of  
34 this section have not been satisfied.

35 D. After a termination statement is filed, a committee:

36 1. Is not required to file any subsequent campaign finance reports.

37 2. Shall have no further receipts or disbursements without filing a  
38 new statement of organization.

39 E. A standing committee may terminate its activities in a  
40 particular reporting jurisdiction, and remain active in other reporting  
41 jurisdictions, by filing a statement of that intent with the filing  
42 officer in each reporting jurisdiction.

1           Sec. 3. Section 16-937, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           16-937. Failure to file; penalties; notice; suspension

4           A. If a committee fails to timely file a complete report as  
5 prescribed by articles 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 of this chapter,  
6 the filing officer shall send a written notice by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL to the  
7 committee within five days after the filing deadline that identifies the  
8 late report, describes how fines accrue and identifies methods of payment.

9           B. A committee that fails to timely file a report shall pay the  
10 filing officer a penalty of ~~ten dollars~~ \$10 for each day that the filing  
11 is late during the first fifteen days after the filing deadline and  
12 ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$25 for each subsequent day that the filing is late.  
13 Penalties accrue until the late report is filed, EXCEPT THAT:

14           1. PENALTIES SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED AND ANY ACCRUED PENALTIES ARE  
15 VOID IF THE COMMITTEE CERTIFIES THAT IT RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS AND MADE  
16 NO EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO WHICH THE UNTIMELY REPORT  
17 CORRESPONDS AND FILES A TERMINATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-934,  
18 SUBSECTION B.

19           2. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PENALTIES THAT A  
20 COMMITTEE MAY ACCRUE FOR EACH LATE REPORT IS \$5,000.

21           C. If a committee fails to file a complete report within thirty  
22 days after the filing deadline and after providing notice pursuant to  
23 subsection A of this section, the filing officer may notify the  
24 appropriate enforcement officer prescribed in this article.

25           D. For any political action committee or political party that fails  
26 to file three consecutive complete reports, the filing officer shall send  
27 by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL to the committee a notice of temporary suspension and the  
28 following apply:

29           1. On receipt, the committee's authority to operate in the  
30 jurisdiction is temporarily suspended.

31           2. The notice shall state that failure to comply with all filing  
32 and payment requirements within thirty days after the date of the notice  
33 shall result in permanent suspension of the committee's authority to  
34 operate in that jurisdiction.

35           E. After compliance with subsection D of this section, the filing  
36 officer may permanently suspend the committee and shall notify the  
37 committee by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL and is not required to provide any further  
38 notice. Permanent or temporary suspension does not eliminate a  
39 committee's continuing obligation to file reports and pay any outstanding  
40 and accruing penalties provided by law.

41           F. FOR A COMMITTEE THAT FILES A TERMINATION STATEMENT AS PRESCRIBED  
42 BY SECTION 16-934, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1 THAT STATES THAT THE  
43 COMMITTEE RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

44           1. PENALTIES MAY NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND MAY NOT ACCRUE AGAINST  
45 THE COMMITTEE.

1           2. ANY PENALTIES THAT ARE ASSESSED OR THAT ACCRUE AGAINST A  
2 COMMITTEE THAT SUBSEQUENTLY FILES A TERMINATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO  
3 SECTION 16-934, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1 ARE DEEMED VOID RETROACTIVELY.

4           3. FOR ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION INITIATED BY THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
5 AGAINST A COMMITTEE THAT SUBSEQUENTLY FILES A TERMINATION STATEMENT  
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-934, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1, THE ENFORCEMENT  
7 OFFICER IS DEEMED WITHOUT JURISDICTION AND IF THE MATTER IS BEFORE A  
8 COURT, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE MATTER PROMPTLY.

9           G. FOR A COMMITTEE THAT FILES A TERMINATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION 16-934, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2 AND THAT HAS ACCRUED PENALTIES  
11 FOR UNTIMELY REPORTS CORRESPONDING TO REPORTING PERIODS DURING WHICH THE  
12 COMMITTEE RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS AND MADE NO EXPENDITURES, THE  
13 FOLLOWING APPLY:

14           1. PENALTIES MAY NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND MAY NOT ACCRUE AGAINST  
15 THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE REPORTS.

16           2. ANY PENALTIES THAT ARE ASSESSED OR THAT ACCRUE AGAINST THE  
17 COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE REPORTS ARE DEEMED VOID RETROACTIVELY.

18           3. FOR ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION INITIATED BY THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
19 AGAINST THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE REPORTS, THE ENFORCEMENT  
20 OFFICER IS DEEMED WITHOUT JURISDICTION AND IF THE MATTER IS BEFORE A  
21 COURT, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE MATTER PROMPTLY.

22           Sec. 4. Committees; untimely reports; termination statement

23           Notwithstanding section 16-937, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended  
24 by this act, and notwithstanding any other law, for a committee that  
25 accrues penalties for filing untimely reports required by title 16,  
26 chapter 6, articles 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7, Arizona  
27 Revised Statutes, the penalties may not be assessed against that committee  
28 for the untimely reports and any penalties that do accrue against that  
29 committee are void if both of the following apply:

30           1. The penalties were accrued during a reporting period for which  
31 the committee certifies and files complete reports that the committee  
32 received no contributions and made no expenditures during the reporting  
33 period and if the committee subsequently receives contributions and makes  
34 expenditures, the committee files complete reports for the reporting  
35 periods.

36           2. The committee files a termination statement on or before  
37 December 31, 2026.

38           Sec. 5. Retroactivity

39           This act applies retroactively to from and after July 5, 2016.

40           Sec. 6. Emergency

41           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
42 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
43 law.