

Senate Engrossed House Bill

campaign committees; termination statements; contributions

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HOUSE BILL 2874

AN ACT

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

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-934, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-934. Termination statement; filing; contents

5 A. A committee may terminate only when the committee treasurer
6 files a termination statement with the filing officer with whom the
7 committee's statement of organization was filed.

8 B. In the termination statement, the committee treasurer shall
9 certify under penalty of perjury that ~~at~~ EITHER of the following ~~apply~~
10 APPLIES:

11 1. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS.

12 2. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
13 APPLY:

14 ~~1-~~ (a) The committee will no longer receive any contributions or
15 make any disbursements.

16 ~~2-~~ (b) The committee either:

17 ~~(a)~~ (i) Has no outstanding debts or obligations.

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

22 ~~3-~~ (c) Any surplus monies have been disposed of and that the
23 committee has no cash on hand.

24 ~~4-~~ (d) All contributions and expenditures have been reported,
25 including any disposal of surplus monies.

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

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

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

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

33 E. A standing committee may terminate its activities in a
34 particular reporting jurisdiction, and remain active in other reporting
35 jurisdictions, by filing a statement of that intent with the filing
36 officer in each reporting jurisdiction.

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

39 16-937. Failure to file; penalties; notice; suspension

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

1 B. A committee that fails to timely file a report shall pay the
2 filing officer a penalty of ~~ten dollars~~ \$10 for each day that the filing
3 is late during the first fifteen days after the filing deadline and
4 ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$25 for each subsequent day that the filing is late.
5 Penalties accrue until the late report is filed, EXCEPT THAT PENALTIES
6 SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED AND ANY ACCRUED PENALTIES ARE VOID IF THE COMMITTEE
7 AT ANY TIME CERTIFIES THAT IT RECEIVED NO CONTRIBUTIONS AND MADE NO
8 EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO WHICH THE UNTIMELY REPORT
9 CORRESPONDS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 1. PENALTIES MAY NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND MAY NOT ACCRUE AGAINST
34 THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

1 G. FOR A COMMITTEE THAT HAS ACCRUED PENALTIES FOR UNTIMELY REPORTS
2 CORRESPONDING TO REPORTING PERIODS DURING WHICH THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED NO
3 CONTRIBUTIONS AND MADE NO EXPENDITURES, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

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

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

8 3. FOR ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION INITIATED BY THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
9 AGAINST THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE REPORTS, THE ENFORCEMENT
10 OFFICER IS DEEMED WITHOUT JURISDICTION AND IF THE MATTER IS BEFORE A
11 COURT, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE MATTER PROMPTLY.

12 Sec. 3. Retroactivity

13 This act applies retroactively to from and after December 31, 2021.

14 (ENACTED WITHOUT THE EMERGENCY)

15 Sec. 4. Emergency

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