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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-906 AND 18-444, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
CAMPAIGNS.

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-906, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-906. Committee statement of organization; amendment;
5 committee limitation; alternate mailing address

6 A. A committee shall file a statement of organization with the
7 filing officer within ten days after qualifying as a committee.

8 B. **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION**, a statement
9 of organization shall include the following committee information:

10 1. The committee name, mailing address, ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address,
11 website, if any, and telephone number, if any, and the type of
12 committee. The committee name shall include:

13 (a) For a candidate committee, the candidate's first or last name
14 and, if the candidate has a candidate committee open for more than one
15 office, the office sought.

16 (b) For a political action committee that is sponsored, the
17 sponsor's name or commonly known nickname.

18 2. The name, mailing address, ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address, website, if
19 any, and telephone number of any sponsor.

20 3. The name, physical location or street address, ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL
21 address, telephone number, occupation and employer of the committee's
22 chairperson and treasurer. For a candidate committee, the candidate may
23 serve as both chairperson and treasurer.

24 4. For a candidate committee for a partisan office, the candidate's
25 party affiliation.

26 5. A listing of all banks or other financial institutions used by
27 the committee.

28 6. A statement that the committee chairperson and committee
29 treasurer have read the filing officer's campaign finance and reporting
30 guide, agree to comply with this article and articles 1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4,
31 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 of this chapter, and agree to accept all notifications
32 and service of process via the ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address provided by the
33 committee.

34 C. A committee shall file an amended statement of organization
35 within ten days after any change in committee information.

36 D. On filing a statement of organization, the filing officer shall
37 issue an identification number to the committee.

38 E. A standing committee shall file a statement of organization with
39 the secretary of state and a copy of the statement in each jurisdiction in
40 which the committee is active. Only the secretary of state shall issue an
41 identification number.

42 F. A candidate may have only one committee in existence for the
43 same office during the same election cycle.

44 G. On filing a statement of organization, a political action
45 committee or political party may perform any lawful activity, including

1 making contributions, making expenditures or conducting issue advocacy,
2 without establishing a separate committee for each activity or specifying
3 each activity in its statement of organization.

4 H. A PERSON MAY PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE
5 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND MAY ATTEST THAT THE PERSON'S RESIDENCE IS IN
6 THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT IF THE PERSON'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS BOTH:

7 1. REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS
8 SECTION.

9 2. PROTECTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-153.

10 Sec. 2. Section 18-444, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 18-444. Duty to file financial disclosure statement;
13 contents; exceptions; alternate mailing address

14 A. In addition to other statements and reports required by law,
15 every public officer, as a matter of public record, shall file with the
16 secretary of state on a form prescribed by the secretary of state a
17 verified financial disclosure statement covering the preceding calendar
18 year. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION, the statement
19 shall disclose:

20 1. The name and home or work address of the public officer, whether
21 the public officer's spouse is a member of the public officer's household,
22 the number of minor children who are members of the public officer's
23 household and all names and addresses under which each does business. If
24 disclosure of the identity of the public officer's spouse or minor child
25 would otherwise be required, a public officer may comply with the
26 identification requirement by using the term "spouse" or "minor child", as
27 applicable.

28 2. The name and address of each employer and of each other source
29 of compensation other than gifts amounting to more than ~~one thousand~~
30 ~~dollars~~ \$1,000 received during the preceding calendar year by the public
31 officer and members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household in their own
32 names, or by any other person for the use or benefit of the public officer
33 or members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household, a description of the
34 services for which the compensation was received and the nature of the
35 employer's business. This paragraph ~~shall~~ DOES not ~~be construed to~~
36 require the disclosure of individual items of compensation that
37 constituted a portion of the gross income of the business from which the
38 public officer or members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household derived
39 compensation.

40 3. For a controlled business, a description of the goods or
41 services provided by the business, and if any single source of
42 compensation to the business during the preceding calendar year amounts to
43 more than ~~ten thousand dollars~~ \$10,000 and is more than twenty-five
44 percent of the gross income of the business, the disclosure shall also
45 include a description of the goods or services provided to the source of

1 compensation. For a dependent business the statement shall disclose a
 2 description of the goods or services provided by the business and a
 3 description of the goods or services provided to the source of
 4 compensation from which the dependent business derived the amount of gross
 5 income described in section 38-541, paragraph 4. If the source of
 6 compensation for a controlled or dependent business is a business, the
 7 statement shall disclose a description of the business activities engaged
 8 in by the source of compensation.

9 4. The names and addresses of all businesses and trusts in which
 10 the public officer or members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household, or
 11 any other person for the use or benefit of the public officer or members
 12 of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household, had an ownership or beneficial
 13 interest of over ~~one thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 at any time during the
 14 preceding calendar year, and the names and addresses of all businesses and
 15 trusts in which the public officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC
 16 OFFICER'S household held any office or had a fiduciary relationship at any
 17 time during the preceding calendar year, together with the amount or value
 18 of the interest and a description of the interest, office or relationship.

19 5. All Arizona real property interests and real property
 20 improvements, including specific location and approximate size, in which
 21 the public officer, any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household or a
 22 controlled or dependent business held legal title or a beneficial interest
 23 at any time during the preceding calendar year, and the value of any such
 24 interest, except that this paragraph does not apply to a real property
 25 interest and improvements thereon used as the primary personal residence
 26 or for the personal recreational use of the public officer. If a public
 27 officer, any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household or a controlled
 28 or dependent business acquired or divested any such interest during the
 29 preceding calendar year, ~~he~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER shall also disclose that
 30 the transaction was made and the date it occurred. If the controlled or
 31 dependent business is in the business of dealing in real property
 32 interests or improvements, disclosure need not include individual parcels
 33 or transactions as long as the aggregate value of all parcels of such
 34 property is reported.

35 6. The names and addresses of all creditors to whom the public
 36 officer or members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household, in their own
 37 names or in the name of any other person, owed a debt of more than ~~one~~
 38 ~~thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 or to whom a controlled business or a dependent
 39 business owed a debt of more than ~~ten thousand dollars which~~ \$10,000 THAT
 40 was also more than thirty percent of the total business indebtedness at
 41 any time during the preceding calendar year, listing each such creditor.
 42 This paragraph ~~shall~~ DOES not ~~be construed to~~ require the disclosure of
 43 debts owed by the public officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S
 44 household resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business other than a
 45 controlled or dependent business ~~nor shall~~ OR REQUIRE THE disclosure ~~be~~

1 ~~required~~ of credit card transactions, retail installment contracts, debts
2 on residences or recreational property exempt from disclosure under
3 paragraph 5 of this subsection, debts on motor vehicles not used for
4 commercial purposes, debts secured by cash values on life insurance or
5 debts owed to relatives. It is sufficient disclosure of a creditor if the
6 name and address of a person to whom payments are made is disclosed. If
7 the public officer, any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household or a
8 controlled or dependent business incurred or discharged a debt ~~which~~ THAT
9 is reportable under this subsection during the preceding calendar year,
10 the report shall disclose that the transaction was made and the date it
11 occurred.

12 7. The identification and amount of each debt exceeding ~~one~~
13 ~~thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 owed at any time during the preceding calendar
14 year to the public officer and members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S
15 household in their own names, or to any other person for the use or
16 benefit of the public officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S
17 household. The disclosure shall include the identification and amount of
18 each debt exceeding ~~ten thousand dollars~~ \$10,000 to a controlled business
19 or dependent business ~~which~~ THAT was also more than thirty percent of the
20 total indebtedness to the business at any time during the preceding
21 calendar year. This paragraph ~~shall~~ DOES not ~~be construed to~~ require the
22 disclosure of debts from the ordinary conduct of a business other than a
23 controlled or dependent business. If the public officer, any member of
24 ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household or a controlled or dependent business
25 incurred or discharged a debt ~~which~~ THAT is reportable under this
26 subsection during the preceding year, the report shall disclose that the
27 transaction was made and the date it occurred.

28 8. The name of each source of any gift, or accumulated gifts from a
29 single source, of more than ~~five hundred dollars~~ \$500 received by the
30 public officer and members of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household in their
31 own names during the preceding calendar year, or by any other person for
32 the use or benefit of the public officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC
33 OFFICER'S household except gifts received by will or by virtue of
34 intestate succession, or received by way of distribution from any inter
35 vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an ancestor, or
36 gifts received from any other member of the household or relatives to the
37 second degree of consanguinity.

38 9. A list of all business licenses issued to, held by or in which
39 the public officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household had
40 an interest at any time during the preceding calendar year, including the
41 name in which the license was issued, the type of business and its
42 location.

43 10. A list of all bonds, together with their value, issued by this
44 state or any political subdivision of this state and held at any time
45 during the preceding calendar year by the public officer or any member of

1 ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household, which bonds issued by a single entity
2 had a value in excess of ~~one thousand dollars~~ \$1,000. If the public
3 officer or any member of ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S household acquired or
4 divested any bonds during the preceding calendar year ~~which~~ THAT are
5 reportable under this paragraph, the fact that the transaction occurred
6 and the date shall also be shown.

7 11. The name of each meeting, conference or other event where the
8 public officer is participating in the public officer's official capacity
9 if travel-related expenses of ~~one thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 or more were
10 incurred on behalf of the public officer and the travel-related expenses
11 are not paid by the public officer.

12 B. If an amount or value is required to be reported pursuant to
13 this section, it is sufficient to report whether the amount or value of
14 the equity interest falls within:

15 1. Category 1, ~~one thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 to ~~twenty-five thousand~~
16 ~~dollars~~ \$25,000.

17 2. Category 2, more than ~~twenty-five thousand dollars~~ \$25,000 to
18 ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~ \$100,000.

19 3. Category 3, more than ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~ \$100,000.

20 C. This section does not require the disclosure of any information
21 that is privileged by law.

22 D. The statement required to be filed pursuant to subsection A OF
23 THIS SECTION shall be filed by all persons who qualified as public
24 officers at any time during the preceding calendar year on or before
25 January 31 of each year with the exceptions that a public officer
26 appointed to fill a vacancy ~~shall~~, within sixty days following ~~his~~ THE
27 PUBLIC OFFICER'S taking of such office, SHALL file a financial disclosure
28 statement covering as ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S annual period the twelve
29 month period ending with the last full month ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the date of
30 ~~his~~ THE PUBLIC OFFICER'S taking office, and a public officer whose final
31 term expires less than thirty-one days into the immediately following
32 calendar year may file the public officer's final financial disclosure at
33 the same time as the disclosure for the last immediately preceding year.

34 E. The secretary of state shall prepare written guidelines, forms
35 and samples for completing the financial disclosure statement required by
36 this section. A copy of the guidelines, forms and samples shall be
37 distributed to each public officer and shall be made available to each
38 candidate required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to
39 section 38-543.

40 F. Beginning January 1, 2017, the statement required to be filed in
41 subsection D of this section may be filed by the public officer in a form
42 prescribed by the secretary of state that includes authorization for
43 future filings to be submitted in an electronic format. Any subsequent
44 filings required to be filed in subsection D of this section may be filed
45 in an electronic format as prescribed by the secretary of

1 state. Beginning January 1, 2017, any statements that are required to be
2 filed by a local public officer pursuant to an ordinance, rule, resolution
3 or regulation adopted pursuant to section 38-545 may be filed in an
4 electronic format as prescribed by the secretary of state.

5 G. A PERSON MAY PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE
6 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND MAY ATTEST THAT THE PERSON'S RESIDENCE IS IN
7 THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT IF THE PERSON'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS BOTH:

8 1. REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS
9 SECTION.

10 2. PROTECTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-153.