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**A BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CAMPAIGN REPORT TO BE FILED SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE AN ELECTION SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND EXPENDITURES TO OR BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ENDING SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8-13-1308 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 245 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“Section 8-13-1308. (A) Upon the receipt or expenditure of campaign contributions or the making of independent expenditures totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more, a candidate or committee required to file a statement of organization pursuant to Section 8-13-1304(A) must file an initial certified campaign report within ten days of these initial receipts or expenditures. However, a candidate who does not receive or expend campaign contributions totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more must file an initial certified campaign report fifteen days before an election.

(B) Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an

1 election, until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement  
2 pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

3 (C) Campaign reports filed by a candidate must be certified by  
4 the candidate. Campaign reports filed by a committee must be  
5 certified by a duly authorized officer of the committee.

6 (D)(1) At least fifteen days before an election, a certified  
7 campaign report must be filed showing contributions of more than  
8 one hundred dollars and expenditures to or by the candidate or  
9 committee for the period ending twenty days before the election.  
10 The candidate or committee must maintain a current list during the  
11 period before the election commencing at the beginning of the  
12 calendar quarter of the election of all contributions of more than one  
13 hundred dollars and expenditures. The list must be open to public  
14 inspection upon request.

15 (2) A committee immediately shall file a campaign report  
16 listing expenditures if it makes an independent expenditure or an  
17 incurred expenditure within the calendar quarter in which the  
18 election is conducted or twenty days before the election, whichever  
19 period of time is greater, in excess of:

20 (a) ten thousand dollars in the case of a candidate for  
21 statewide office; or

22 (b) two thousand dollars in the case of a candidate for any  
23 other office.

24 (3) In the event of a runoff election, candidates or committees  
25 are not required to file another campaign report in addition to the  
26 reports already required under this section. However, records must  
27 remain open to public inspection upon request between the election  
28 and the runoff.

29 (E) Seventy-two hours before an election, a certified campaign  
30 report must be filed showing contributions of more than one  
31 hundred dollars and expenditures to or by the candidate or  
32 committee for the period commencing at least twenty days before  
33 the election and ending seventy-two hours before the election.

34 ~~(E)~~(F) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (B) and  
35 (D), if a pre-election campaign report provided for in subsection (D)  
36 is required to be filed within thirty days of the end of the prior  
37 quarter, a candidate or committee must combine the quarterly report  
38 provided for in subsection (B) and the pre-election report and file  
39 the combined report subject to the provisions of subsection (D) no  
40 later than fifteen days before the election.

41 ~~(F)~~(G) Certified campaign reports detailing campaign  
42 contributions and expenditures must contain:

1 (1) the total of contributions accepted by the candidate or  
2 committee;

3 (2) the name and address of each person making a  
4 contribution of more than one hundred dollars and the amount and  
5 date of receipt of each contribution;

6 (3) the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the  
7 candidate or committee; and

8 (4) the name and address of each person to whom an  
9 expenditure is made from campaign funds, including the date,  
10 amount, purpose, and beneficiary of the expenditure.

11 ~~(G)~~(H) Notwithstanding any other reporting requirements in this  
12 chapter, a political party, legislative caucus committee, and a party  
13 committee must file a certified campaign report upon the receipt of  
14 anything of value which totals in the aggregate five hundred dollars  
15 or more. For purposes of this section, 'anything of value' includes  
16 contributions received which may be used for the payment of  
17 operation expenses of a political party, legislative caucus  
18 committee, or a party committee. A political party also must comply  
19 with the reporting requirements of subsections (B), (C), and ~~(F)~~ (G)  
20 of Section 8-13-1308 in the same manner as a candidate or  
21 committee.

22 ~~(H)~~(I) A committee that solicits contributions pursuant to  
23 Section 8-13-1331 must certify compliance with that section on a  
24 form prescribed by the State Ethics Commission.”

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26 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.  
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