HOUSE BILL 98-1105

BY REPRESENTATIVES Anderson, Nichol, Reeser, Swenson, Tupa, and Udall; also SENATORS Powers and J. Johnson.

AN ACT

CONCERNING REPORTING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT".

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 1-45-103 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 1-45-103 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

1-45-103. Definitions. As used in this article:

(1.5) "APPROPRIATE OFFICER" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM A CANDIDATE, CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OR ISSUE COMMITTEE MUST FILE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-45-109 (1).

(8) "Issue committee" means two or more persons who are elected, appointed, or chosen, or have associated themselves, for the purpose of accepting contributions and making expenditures to support or oppose any ballot initiative or referendum issue or ballot question. "Issue committee" does not include political parties, political committees, or candidate committees as otherwise defined in this section.

SECTION 2. 1-45-108 (1) and (2) (a) and the introductory portion to 1-45-108 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

1-45-108. Disclosure. (1) All candidate committees, political committees, issue committees, and political parties shall report to the secretary of state and the appropriate officer their contributions received, including the name and address of each person who has contributed twenty dollars or more; expenditures made; and obligations entered into by the committee or party.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.
(2) (a) Such reports THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE shall be filed quarterly in off-election years and on the first day of each month beginning the sixth full month before the major election AND fourteen days before and thirty days after the major election in election years. SUCH REPORTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK SHALL BE FILED ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY AND ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE AND THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION, WHERE APPLICABLE, AND THE MAJOR ELECTION IN ELECTION YEARS AND ANNUALLY IN OFF-ELECTION YEARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR ELECTION OCCURS.

(3) All candidate committees, political committees, issue committees, and political parties shall register with the secretary of state APPROPRIATE OFFICER before accepting or making any contributions. Registration shall include a statement listing:

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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