

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE BILL 822

By: Senators K. Ingram, E. Williams, *Maloch*, R. Thompson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING INITIATIVE PETITIONS; TO INCREASE
TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT TO INITIATED ACTS; TO
REQUIRE MORE COMPLETE DISCLOSURE BY BALLOT QUESTION
COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE QUESTION COMMITTEES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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INITIATED ACTS; AND TO REQUIRE MORE
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-406, concerning the requirements for financial reports relating to a petition for a ballot question or legislative question, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g) A final financial report as described in § 7-9-409(a)(3) is required regardless of whether a ballot question committee, individual, public servant, or governmental body received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-9-407 is amended to read as follows:

7-9-407. Financial report – Information.

A financial report of a ballot question committee, a legislative



question committee, an individual person, a public servant, or a governmental body, as required by § 7-9-406, shall contain the following information:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the committee, individual person, public servant, or governmental body filing the ~~statement~~ report;

(2)(A) For a committee:

(i) The total amount of contributions received during the period covered by the financial report;

(ii) The total amount of expenditures *made by the committee or on behalf of the committee by an advertising agency, public relations firm, or political consultant* during the period covered by the financial report;

(iii) The cumulative amount of ~~those totals~~ contributions and expenditures reported under subdivisions (2)(A)(i) and (ii) of this section for each ballot question or legislative question;

(iv) The balance of cash and cash equivalents on hand at the beginning and the end of the period covered by the financial report;

(v) The total amount of contributions received during the period covered by the financial ~~statement~~ report from persons who contributed less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the cumulative amount of that total for each ballot question or legislative question;

(vi) The total amount of contributions received during the period covered by the financial ~~statement~~ report from persons who contributed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more and the cumulative amount of that total for each ballot question or legislative question;

(vii) The name and street address of each person who contributed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more during the period covered by the financial report, together with the amount contributed, the date of receipt, and the cumulative amount contributed by that person for each ballot question or legislative question; ~~and~~

(viii) For each person listed under subdivision (2)(A)(vii) of this section, the contributor's principal place of business, employer, occupation, the amount contributed, the date the contribution was accepted by the committee, and the cumulative amount contributed for each ballot question or legislative question;

(ix) The name and address of each person who contributed a nonmoney item, together with a description of the item, the date of receipt, and the value, not including volunteer service by individuals;

(x) A list of all paid canvassers, officers, and directors and the amount each person was paid;

(xi) A list of all expenditures by category, including without limitation the following:

(a) Advertising;

(b) Direct mail;

(c) Office supplies;

(d) Travel;

(e) Expenses; and

(f) Telephone; and

(xii) The total amount of nonitemized expenditures made during the period covered by the financial report;

(B) For an individual person:

(i) The total amount of expenditures made by the individual person or on behalf of the individual person by an advertising agency, public relations firm, or political consultant during the period covered by the financial report; and

(ii) The cumulative amount of ~~that total~~ expenditures for each ballot question or legislative question; and

(C) For a public servant using public funds or governmental body using public funds:

(i) The total amount of expenditures made by the public servant using public funds or governmental body using public funds or on behalf of the public servant using public funds or governmental body using public funds by an advertising agency, public relations firm, or political consultant during the period covered by the financial report; and

(ii) The cumulative amount of ~~that total~~ expenditures for each ballot question or legislative question; and

(3) The name and street address of each person to whom expenditures ~~totalling~~ totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more were made by the committee, individual person, public servant using public funds, or governmental body using public funds or on behalf of the committee,

individual person, public servant using public funds, or governmental body using public funds by an advertising agency, public relations firm, or political consultant, together with the date and amount of each separate expenditure to each person during the period covered by the financial report and the purpose of ~~the~~ each expenditure.

/s/K. Ingram