

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 562

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MANDATORY
ELECTRONIC REPORT FILING BY CANDIDATES; TO AMEND THE
LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MANDATORY
ELECTRONIC REPORT FILING BY CANDIDATES;
AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN
FINANCE REPORTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-230(a), concerning the alternative to electronic filing of reports, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A candidate required to file carryover fund reports in electronic form under § 7-6-203 and campaign contribution and expenditure reports in electronic form under § 7-6-207 may file reports in paper form under this section if:

~~(A) The candidate does not have access to the technology necessary to submit reports in electronic form; and~~

~~(B) Submitting submitting reports in electronic form would constitute a substantial hardship for the candidate.~~

(2)(A) A candidate filing reports in paper form under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall submit with his or her first paper report in an election cycle a notarized affidavit on a form prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that:



~~(i) The candidate does not have access to the technology necessary to submit reports in electronic form;~~

~~(ii)~~ Submitting reports in electronic form would constitute a substantial hardship for the candidate; ~~and~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) The candidate agrees to file all other reports in paper form for the duration of the election cycle; and

(iii) The candidate agrees to allow the office of the Secretary of State to enter the reports of the candidate submitted in paper form into electronic form.

(B) The Secretary of State shall:

(i) Not accept a report in paper form under subdivision (a)(1) of this section if a notarized affidavit was not submitted with the first paper report in the election cycle;

(ii) Provide written notice to the candidate within five (5) business days if the report in paper form was not filed or accepted; ~~and~~

(iii) Provide the reason the report in paper form was not filed or accepted; and

(iv) Enter the information provided by the candidate in paper form into the electronic form on behalf of the candidate.