

## SENATE BILL No. 57

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to candidate and political  
2 committee reports to the secretary of state; email addresses; amending  
3 K.S.A. 25-4144 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 and repealing the  
4 existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
8 4144. Not later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, every candidate  
9 shall appoint a treasurer or in lieu thereof shall appoint a candidate  
10 committee. The treasurer so appointed may be the candidate making such  
11 appointment. No candidate shall appoint more than one candidate  
12 committee to exist at the same time. If a candidate appoints a candidate  
13 committee, such candidate shall appoint a chairperson and a treasurer  
14 thereof, and the treasurer so appointed may be the candidate. No person  
15 who is registered as a lobbyist in accordance with K.S.A. 46-265, and  
16 amendments thereto, shall be eligible for appointment as treasurer for any  
17 candidate or candidate committee. The name ~~and~~, address *and email*  
18 *address* of each treasurer and chairperson appointed under this section by a  
19 candidate for a state office shall be reported to the secretary of state by the  
20 candidate not later than 10 days after such appointment. The name ~~and~~,  
21 address *and email address* of each treasurer and chairperson appointed  
22 under this section by a candidate for a local office shall be reported to the  
23 county election officer by the candidate not later than 10 days after such  
24 appointment. The candidate for governor shall carry out the requirements  
25 and responsibilities of the candidate under the campaign finance act, for  
26 the pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, unless another  
27 specific provision applies.

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 is hereby amended to read as  
29 follows: 25-4145. (a) Each party committee and each political committee  
30 which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures shall  
31 appoint a chairperson and a treasurer. The chairperson of each party  
32 committee and each political committee which anticipates receiving  
33 contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for state office shall  
34 make a statement of organization and file it with the secretary of state not  
35 later than 10 days after establishment of such committee. The chairperson  
36 of each political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or

1 making expenditures for any candidate for local office, shall make a  
2 statement of organization and file it with the county election officer not  
3 later than 10 days after establishment of such committee.

4 (b) Every statement of organization shall include:

5 (1) The name and address of the committee. The name of the  
6 committee shall reflect the full name of the organization with which the  
7 committee is connected or affiliated or sufficiently describe such  
8 affiliation. If the political committee is not connected or affiliated with any  
9 one organization, the name shall reflect the trade, profession or primary  
10 interest of the committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such  
11 organization;

12 (2) the names~~and~~, addresses *and email addresses* of the chairperson  
13 and treasurer of the committee;

14 (3) the names and addresses of affiliated or connected organizations;  
15 and

16 (4) in the case of a political committee, the full name of the  
17 organization with which the committee is connected or affiliated or, name  
18 or description sufficiently describing the affiliation or, if the committee is  
19 not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the trade, profession  
20 or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement  
21 of purpose of such organization.

22 (c) Any change in information previously reported in a statement of  
23 organization shall be reported on a supplemental statement of organization  
24 and filed not later than 10 days following the change.

25 (d) (1) Each political committee which anticipates receiving  
26 contributions shall register annually with the commission on or before July  
27 1 of each year. Each political committee registration shall be in the form  
28 and contain such information as may be required by the commission.

29 (2) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt  
30 of \$2,501 or more in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual  
31 registration fee of \$300.

32 (3) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt  
33 of more than \$500 but less than \$2,501 in any calendar year shall be  
34 accompanied by an annual registration fee of \$50.

35 (4) Each registration by a political committee anticipating the receipt  
36 of \$500 or less in any calendar year shall be accompanied by an annual  
37 registration fee of \$25.

38 (5) Any political committee which is currently registered under  
39 subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of  
40 \$2,500 for a calendar year, shall file, within three days of the date when  
41 contributions exceed such amount, an amended registration form which  
42 shall be accompanied by an additional fee for such year equal to the  
43 difference between \$300 and the amount of the fee that accompanied the

1 current registration.

2 (6) Any political committee which is currently registered under  
3 subsection (d)(4) and which receives contributions in excess of \$500 but  
4 which are less than \$2,501, shall file, within three days of the date when  
5 contributions exceed \$500, an amended registration form which shall be  
6 accompanied by an additional fee of \$25 for such year.

7 (e) All such fees received by or for the commission shall be remitted  
8 to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215,  
9 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state  
10 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit  
11 of the governmental ethics commission fee fund.

12 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-4144 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-4145 are hereby  
13 repealed.

14 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
15 publication in the statute book.