

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 1428

Enhancing report of independent  
campaign expenditures.

Brief title

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**BACKGROUND:**

Initial 276 was approved by voters in 1972. Among other requirements initial 276 requires various reports of campaign expenditures be filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) and county auditors.

Each candidate or political committee required to file reports on contributions and expenditures in filing last report at the following intervals: on day 21 and the seventh day immediately preceding the election (on day 10 of the first month after the election and 30 days of each month in which another report is required to be filed in addition candidate or political committee that receives contributions of \$500 within the last 21 days before an election must file special report on the contribution with the PDC within 48 hours of the first working day after receipt of the contribution.

Each person who makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 more during the same election campaign support for opposition candidate or ballot proposition who does not otherwise have a filing report as a candidate or political committee must file report of the independent expenditure at the following intervals: on day 21 and the seventh day immediately preceding the election (on day 10 of the first month after the election and 30 days of each month in which another report is required to be filed.

**SUMMARY:**

- 1. New special reports independent expenditure of \$1,000 more.

A person must file special report with the PDC who makes an independent expenditure within 21 days of an election that totals \$1,000 more to support a candidate or proposition or a candidate or proposition to support or oppose a ballot proposition. The special report must be filed within 24 hours of the first working day after the political advertisement is published or otherwise presented to the public. Filing may be by

facsimile or electronic means guaranteed overnight delivery by personal delivery.

Once a person is required to file such a special report, an additional special report must be filed for each subsequent dependent expenditure of any size.

A copy of these reports must also be filed with the county election officials of the county of residence for the candidate or the county of residence of the person making the expenditure in the case of an expenditure relating to a ballot proposition. A copy of each report must be mailed to each candidate or to the office of the political committee supporting or opposing the ballot proposition.

A copy of the advertisement must be filed with the report.

If a political committee undertakes an advertisement, information on the nature of the interests that are represented must be included in the report.

## 2. Declarations on reports.

A person who files an independent expenditure report as a candidate or political committee, must also file an affidavit declaration that an independent expenditure was not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of the candidate.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill passed.