

SENATE, No. 3901

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires gubernatorial and legislative candidates report contributions within 48 hours of receipt; requires Election Law Enforcement Commission to post reports within 72 hours of filing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of campaign contributions
2 received by gubernatorial and legislative candidates and
3 supplementing P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1973,
9 c.83 (C.19:44A-16), or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
10 contrary, a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor and
11 for election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
12 and a candidate for nomination for election or for election to the
13 office of member of the Senate or General Assembly, and any
14 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, or both, of such a
15 candidate, shall report contributions within 48 hours of receipt.
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17 2. During the period immediately following the effective date of
18 this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the legislature as this bill), and
19 until the implementation of the 48-hour reporting required under
20 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
21 bill), the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall post on its
22 website all reports filed by a candidate for nomination to the office
23 of Governor and for election to the offices of Governor and
24 Lieutenant Governor, and a candidate for nomination for election or
25 for election to the office of member of the Senate or General
26 Assembly, and any candidate committee, joint candidates
27 committee, or both, of such a candidate, within 72 hours of filing.
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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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32 STATEMENT

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34 Under current law, candidates for nomination or for election to
35 public office are required to file with the Election Law Enforcement
36 Commission (ELEC) cumulative and quarterly reports of
37 contributions received. This bill would require a candidate for
38 nomination to the office of Governor and for election to the offices
39 of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and a candidate for
40 nomination for election or for election to the office of member of
41 the Senate or General Assembly, and any candidate committee,
42 joint candidates committee, or both, of such a candidate, to report
43 contributions within 48 hours of receipt.

44 This bill also requires ELEC to post, within 72 hours of filing,
45 the reports required under current law to be filed by those
46 candidates. This provision would apply only until the 48-hour
47 timeframe required by the bill is implemented.