

**2023 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

**HB 1529**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1529  
2/10/2023

Relating to reporting of expenditures for political purposes; to provide a penalty; and to provide an appropriation
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9:30 A.M. Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager.

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Modifying language.
- Amendment
- Current penalty.
- Interim study

Rep. Prichard: Introduced the bill. Testimony #20442

LeAnn Oliver, for Michael Howe, Secretary of State: Testimony #20448

Hearing closed at 10:00 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

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10:00 A.M. Chairman Longmuir opened the meeting. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager.

### Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Direct and indirect campaign contributions.
- Uniformity and transparency.
- Examples of loopholes..
- Multicandidate committee.
- Hoghouse
- Study

Rep. Prichard: Went over the proposed amendment. Testimony #20999

Rep. Hatlestad moved amendment 23.0766.01002;  
Seconded by Rep. Rios

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	N
Representative Clayton Fegley	N
Representative Jayme Davis	N
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	N
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	N
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	N
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	N
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	N

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 9 No 0 Absent Moton failed.

Rep. Klemin moved to amend as a study;  
Seconded by Rep.Hager

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	N
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	N
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Roll call vote: 12 Yes 2 No 0 Absent

Rep. Klemin moved a Do Pass as Amended;  
Seconded by Rep. Hatlestad

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Roll call vote: 14 Yes 0 No 0 Absent Motion carried.  
Carrier: Rep. Hager

The meeting closed at 10:25 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

February 16, 2023

*AG*  
*2-16-23*  
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to state elections law."

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE ELECTIONS**

**LAW.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code related to elections for purposes of eliminating duplicative provisions, clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required contribution and expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1529: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1529 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Re-number accordingly

**2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**HB 1529**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee  
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1529  
3/17/2023

Relating to state elections law.

10:40 AM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Modernization
- Transparency
- Easily adaptable
- Ongoing maintenance costs

Rep Prichard, Dist 8, bill sponsor testified in support #25656, #25655.

Michael Howe, Secretary of State, testified in support #25709.

11:02 AM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*



# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee  
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1529  
3/23/2023

To provide for a legislative management study relating to state elections law.
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4:17 PM Chair Roers opened committee work. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Sen Barta moved amendment 23.0766.02001.

Sen Braunberger seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	AB
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	AB

VOTE: YES – 4 NO – 0 Absent – 2 Motion PASSED

Sen Braunbeger moved a DO PASS as Amended.

Sen Barta seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	AB
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	AB

VOTE: YES – 4 NO – 0 Absent – 2 Motion PASSED

Sen Braunberger will carry the bill.

Chair Roers adjourned the meeting.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

JA  
3-23-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Page 1, line 1, replace "state elections law" with "campaign finance"

Page 1, line 4, remove the fourth "the"

Page 1, line 5, replace "North Dakota Century Code" with "chapter 16.1-08.1"

Page 1, line 5, replace "elections" with "campaign contribution statements"

Page 1, line 9, remove the second "the"

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1529, as engrossed: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1529 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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Renumber accordingly

**TESTIMONY**

**HB 1529**



# North Dakota House of Representatives

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## Representative Brandon Prichard

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## COMMITTEES:

Human Services  
Agriculture

### House Bill 1529 House Political Subdivisions Committee Representative Longmuir, Chairman February 9, 2023

Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Rep. Brandon Prichard and I represent District 8 which covers all of Emmons County, rural and suburban portions of Burleigh County, and Wilton which is in McLean County. I am here to testify in support HB 1529 which attempts to place new disclosure requirements for candidates, political committees, and political parties (filers) that are subject to NDCC §§ 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4. When a filer makes an expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate, the filer making the expenditure must disclose the expenditure on the next campaign statement submitted. The aim of this bill is to increase campaign finance transparency which will benefit voters and candidates alike.

HB 1529 seeks to clarify and standardize the complicated expenditure reporting process listed in Attachment A. For candidates, candidate committees, multi-candidate committees, and non-statewide political parties, Section 1 of the bill adds a “contributions” category for expenditures made in support of or opposition to another candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

Section 2 adds the following reporting requirement for this same group of filers:

1. The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the expenditure was intended to support or oppose,
2. The total amount of the expenditure,
3. The date the last expenditure was made, and
4. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

The dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same

Section 3 adds to political action committees and ballot measure committees, the requirements to report:

1. The name of each candidate, political committee, or ballot measures the expenditure was intended to support or oppose, and
2. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

Again, the dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same.

Section 4 splits statewide political parties reporting requirements into a separate section of the Century Code while leaving the reporting requirements the same.

Section 5 appropriates \$20,000 from the general fund to the Secretary of State to facilitate the necessary paperwork and online filing process. This was the estimated requirement from a similar bill in 2021 (HB 1496).

I would like to offer an amendment to do the following:

1. In Section 1, rename the contributions expenditure category to “Direct Campaign Contributions,”
2. In Section 2, clarify that each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the expenditure was intended to support or oppose must be reported,
3. In Section 3, clarify that political action committees and ballot measure committees are the certain political committees referred to in the section title,
4. In Section 3, retain the annual beginning and ending balance reporting requirement,
5. Add a Section 5 for corporations, cooperative corporations, limited liability companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, and associations to report the name of, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition to, a candidate, political committee, or political party,
6. Add a Section 6 for independent expenditure filers to report the name or title of, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to, a candidate or ballot measure, and
7. Move the appropriation section to section 7.

To encourage transparency in the election process, I encourage the Political Subdivisions Committee to recommend a “Do Pass” on HB 1529.

## Current Campaign Finance Disclosure Requirements

There are two major sets of requirements under current law for the various filer types in the system called North Dakota Campaign Finance Online (ND CFO):

### NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3

- Applies to the following filers:
  - Candidates and candidate committees
  - Multicandidate committees (both for statewide candidates and non-specified)
  - Legislative district political parties
- Requires the disclosure of:
  - Contributions from a contributor totaling more than \$200 in a reporting period:
    - Contributor's name and mailing address
    - Total of contribution(s)
    - Date of last contribution received
  - Total of all contributions from contributors giving less than \$200 in a reporting period:
  - Statewide candidates and statewide multi candidate committees only: the balance of campaign fund at the beginning and end of reporting period
  - Total contributions from a contributor greater than \$500 in the 39 days before an election
    - Contributor's name and mailing address
    - Total received from a contributor during the 39 days that is greater than \$500
    - Date of last contribution received
  - Year-end statement only, totals of expenditures in the following categories:
    - Advertising
    - Campaign loan repayment
    - Operations
    - Travel
    - Miscellaneous
  - Except for judicial, county, and city candidates – Contributions greater than \$5,000:
    - Contributor's occupation
    - Employer
    - Employer's principal place of business
- Reporting periods for disclosure statements:
  - Pre- Primary – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
  - Pre-General – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
  - 48-Hour – within 48 hours of receiving contribution greater than \$500 in the 39 days before election
  - Year-End – January 1 - December 31

### NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.4

- Applies to:
  - State political parties
  - Political action committees
  - Measure committees
- All the same requirements listed above except for:
  - Disclosing expenditures on every statement greater than \$200:
    - Recipient name and mailing address
    - Total of expenditure(s) made to recipient in reporting period
    - Date of last expenditure
  - Total of all expenditures less than \$200 during the reporting period
  - No year-end totals for expenditure categories
  - For measure committees, contribution and expenditure reporting threshold is \$100

## North Dakota Rural Voters

Independent Expenditure Filer

Registration Date: 10/3/2022  
Reporting Year: 2022

Type Independent Expenditure Filer

### Organization Information

Organization Name North Dakota Rural Voters  
Organization Acronym NDRV  
Organization Telephone (406) 869-1926  
Organization Email info@ndruralvoters.org  
Organization Address PO Box 725  
Bismarck, ND 58502

### Contact Information

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Contact Title Chair  
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Bismarck, ND 58502

### Independent Expenditures

Date Filed	Statement total of IE made	YTD total of IE made
10/13/22	\$37,579.20	\$37,579.20

## Selected Statement Details

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Independent Expenditure	Date Filed	Statement total of IE made	YTD total of IE made
	10/13/22	\$37,579.20	\$37,579.20

### Expenditures

Indicates an amended transaction. Click to view the original transaction.

Name	Address	Date	Amount	Stance	Measure/Petition Name	Date on Ballot	Supports or Opposes - Candidate, Political Party or Political Committee	Amended Date
<a href="#">KMHA Radio 91.3</a>	601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763	10/12/22	\$3,910.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile	
<a href="#">MHA Times</a>	601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763	10/03/22	\$676.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile	
<a href="#">New Town News</a>	PO Box 730 New Town, ND 58763	10/03/22	\$1,600.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, ND 20009	10/10/22	\$6,350.76	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVile	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009	10/10/22	\$12,253.92	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Kathy Hogan	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009	10/10/22	\$12,788.52	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Ruth Buffalo & Sonja Kaye	



**HOUSE BILL NO. 1529**

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, Bahl, Hoverson, J. Johnson, Koppelman, McLeod, Vetter

Senators Barta, Braunberger, Estenson, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to statewide political party campaign finance disclosures; to amend and  
3 reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01-~~and~~, sections 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4,  
4 subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5, and section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century  
5 Code, relating to reporting of expenditures for political purposes; to provide a penalty; and to  
6 provide an appropriation.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota  
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be  
11 grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:
- 12 a. Advertising;
  - 13 b. Campaign loan repayment;
  - 14 c. ~~Contributions~~Direct campaign contributions;
  - 15 d. Operations;
  - 16 d.e. Travel; and
  - 17 e.f. Miscellaneous.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **16.1-08.1-02.3. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
21 **statement requirements for candidates, candidate committees, multicandidate**  
22 **committees, and nonstatewide political parties.**

- 23 1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a  
24 candidate or candidate committee formed on behalf of the candidate, a multicandidate

1 political committee, or a political party other than a statewide political party soliciting or  
2 accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all  
3 contributions received from January first through the fortieth day before the election.

4 The statement also must include each aggregated expenditure over two hundred  
5 dollars made in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot  
6 measure from January first through the fortieth day before the election. A candidate  
7 whose name is not on the ballot and who is not seeking election through write-in  
8 votes, the candidate's candidate committee, and a political party that has not endorsed  
9 or nominated any candidate in the election is not required to file a statement under this  
10 subsection. The statement may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day  
11 before the election. The statement must include:

12 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~  
13 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
15 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
16 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

17 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
18 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

19 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
20 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~

21 d. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
22 statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
23 the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and the balance of the  
24 campaign fund on January first; and

25 e. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
26 political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars  
27 expended during the reporting period:

- 28 (1) The name of ~~the~~each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the  
29 expenditure was intended to support or oppose;  
30 (2) The total amount of the expenditure;  
31 (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and

1           (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the  
2           candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

3       2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
4       election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
5       statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
6       contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of~~more  
7       than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in  
8       support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot measure which  
9       is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:

- 10       a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor or for an  
11       expenditure, the name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure  
12       the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;  
13       b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the  
14       reporting period; ~~and~~  
15       c. ~~The~~For the contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for  
16       an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and  
17       d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in  
18       opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

19       3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a candidate or candidate committee, a multicandidate  
20       political committee, or a nonstatewide political party soliciting or accepting  
21       contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions  
22       received and expenditures, ~~by expenditure category,~~ made from January first through  
23       December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be submitted for filing  
24       beginning on January first. The statement must include:

- 25       a. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
26       statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
27       the campaign fund on January first and on December thirty-first;  
28       b. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
29       ofmore than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:  
30       (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
31       (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

- 1                   (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 2                   c. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~
- 3                   ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 4                   d. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
- 5                   hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~
- 6                   e. The total of all other expenditures made during the previous year, separated into
- 7                   expenditure categories; and
- 8                   f. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 9                   political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars
- 10                  expended during the reporting period:
- 11                  (1) The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the
- 12                  expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13                  (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
- 14                  (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and
- 15                  (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the
- 16                  candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 17                  4. A person required to file a statement under this section, other than a candidate for
- 18                  judicial office, county office, or city office, or a candidate committee for a candidate
- 19                  exempted under this subsection, shall report each aggregated contribution from a
- 20                  contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the reporting period. For
- 21                  these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's
- 22                  occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 23                  5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a
- 24                  candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.
- 25                  6. A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county
- 26                  office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for
- 27                  city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate
- 28                  committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other
- 29                  person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the
- 30                  secretary of state.

1           7. The filing officer shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2           deadline.

3           8. To ensure accurate reporting and avoid commingling of campaign and personal funds,  
4           candidates shall use dedicated campaign accounts that are separate from any  
5           personal accounts.

6           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7           amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **16.1-08.1-02.4. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
9           **statement requirements for ~~statewide political parties and certain political committees.~~**

10          1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a  
11          ~~statewide political party or a political~~ action committee ~~not required to file statements~~  
12          ~~under section 16.1-08.1-02.3 which is~~ or measure committee soliciting or accepting  
13          contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions  
14          received and expenditures made from January first through the fortieth day before the  
15          election. ~~A political party that has not endorsed or nominated a candidate in an~~  
16          ~~election is not required to file a statement under this subsection.~~ A statement required  
17          to be filed under this subsection may be submitted for filing beginning on the  
18          thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement must include:

19          a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
20          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 21               (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
22               (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
23               (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

24          b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess~~  
25          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

26          c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
27          hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

28          d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~more than  
29          two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 30               (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
31               (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~

- 1                   (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and
- 2                   (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 3                   ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot
- 4                   measure, or political committee, and whether the expenditure was made in
- 5                   support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political
- 6                   committee;
- 7                   e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~
- 8                   than two hundred dollars;
- 9                   f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
- 10                   dollars or less; and
- 11                   g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and
- 12                   balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 13                   2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
- 14                   election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
- 15                   statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
- 16                   contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of more~~
- 17                   than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in
- 18                   support of or in opposition to a candidate, ballot measure, or political committee which
- 19                   is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 20                   a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor, or for an
- 21                   expenditure, the name of the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee
- 22                   the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 23                   b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the
- 24                   reporting period; ~~and~~
- 25                   c. ~~The~~For a contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for
- 26                   an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 27                   d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in
- 28                   opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee.
- 29                   3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a statewide political party or a political committee that is
- 30                   not required to file a statement under section 16.1-08.1-2.3 shall file a campaign
- 31                   disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made

- 1 from January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement  
2 may be submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 3 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~  
4 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 5 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
6 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
7 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 8 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
9 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 10 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
11 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 12 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of more than~~  
13 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
15 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~  
16 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and  
17 (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
18 ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot  
19 measure, or political committee and whether the expenditure was made in  
20 support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political  
21 committee;
- 22 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~ more  
23 than two hundred dollars; ~~and~~
- 24 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
25 dollars or less; and
- 26 g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 27 4. A person required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each aggregated  
28 contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the  
29 reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include  
30 the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 31 5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.

1           6.    The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2            deadline.

3           **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4           created and enacted as follows:

5           **Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure statement**  
6           **requirements for statewide political parties.**

7           1.    Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a statewide  
8           political party soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure  
9           statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
10          January first through the fortieth day before the election. A political party that has not  
11          endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not required to file a statement  
12          under this subsection. A statement required to be filed under this subsection may be  
13          submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement  
14          must include:

15          a.    For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
16          two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

17               (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;

18               (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

19               (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

20          b.    The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
21          two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

22          c.    The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
23          two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

24          d.    For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds of more than  
25          two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

26               (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;

27               (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and

28               (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

29          e.    The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
30          two hundred dollars;



- 1           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
2           dollars or less; and
- 3           g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and  
4           balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 5        2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
6        election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
7        statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
8        contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is more than five  
9        hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10       a. The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
11       b. The total amount of the contribution received during the reporting period; and  
12       c. The date the last contributed amount was received.
- 13       3. Before February first, a statewide political party shall file a campaign disclosure  
14       statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
15       January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be  
16       submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 17       a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
18       two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 19           (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
20           (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
21           (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 22       b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
23       two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 24       c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
25       two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 26       d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds more than  
27       two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 28           (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
29           (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and  
30           (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

- 1           e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
2                   two hundred dollars;
- 3           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
4                   dollars or less; and
- 5           g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 6           4. A political party required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each  
7                   aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more  
8                   during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement  
9                   must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal  
10                  place of business.
- 11           5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.
- 12           6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
13                  deadline.

14           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5 of the North Dakota  
15 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 16           3. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or  
17                  association may make an expenditure to a measure committee as described in section  
18                  16.1-08.1-01 for the purpose of promoting the passage or defeat of an initiated or  
19                  referred measure or petition or make an expenditure to any other person that makes  
20                  an independent expenditure. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
21                  company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an independent expenditure  
22                  for a political purpose, including political advertising in support of or opposition to a  
23                  candidate, political committee, or a political party, or for the purpose of promoting  
24                  passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures or petitions. The corporation,  
25                  cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association  
26                  shall file a statement disclosing any expenditure made under this subsection with the  
27                  secretary of state within forty-eight hours after making the expenditure. The statement  
28                  must include:
- 29           a. The full name of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
30                  company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;

- 1           b. The complete address of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
2           company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;
- 3           c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
- 4           d. If the expenditure is ~~related~~made in support of or opposition to a measure or  
5           petition, the title of the measure or petition and whether the expenditure is made  
6           in support of or opposition to the measure or petition;
- 7           e. If the expenditure is related to a measure, the election date on which the  
8           measure either will appear or did appear on the ballot;
- 9           f. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate, political  
10           committee, or a political party, the name of the candidate, political committee, or  
11           political party, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition  
12           to the candidate, political committee, or political party;
- 13           g. The amount of the expenditure;
- 14           ~~g-h.~~ The cumulative total amount of expenditures since the beginning of the calendar  
15           year which are required to be reported under this subsection;
- 16           ~~h-i.~~ The telephone number and the printed name and signature of the individual  
17           completing the statement, attesting to the statement being true, complete, and  
18           correct; and
- 19           ~~i-j.~~ The date on which the statement was signed.

20           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22           **16.1-08.1-03.7. Political committees that organize and register according to federal**  
23 **law that make independent expenditures or disbursements to nonfederal candidates,**  
24 **political parties, and political committees.**

25           A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes an  
26 independent expenditure or makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a  
27 nonfederal candidate seeking public office or to a political party or political committee in this  
28 state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the independent  
29 expenditure or the disbursement made. The political committee shall file a copy of the  
30 committee's federal report, and supplementary information as necessary under this section, with

1 the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The  
2 report and supplementary information must include:

- 3 1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
- 4 2. The recipient's name and mailing address;
- 5 3. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure,  
6 the name or title of the candidate or ballot measure, and whether the expenditure is  
7 made in support of or in opposition to the candidate or ballot measure;
- 8 4. The date and amount of the independent expenditure or disbursement; and
- 9 4.5. The ultimate and true source of funds listed by contributor and subcontributor of any  
10 amount over two hundred dollars collected or used to make the independent  
11 expenditure or disbursement including:
  - 12 a. The name and address of the contributor;
  - 13 b. The total amount of the contribution; and
  - 14 c. The date the last contribution was received.

15 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - SYSTEM UPGRADES.** There  
16 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
17 appropriated, the sum of \$20,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the secretary  
18 of state for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the necessary system upgrades  
19 required by this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

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**HOUSE POLITICAL SUBS COMMITTEE**  
**REPRESENTATIVE DON LONGMUIR, CHAIR**

**HOUSE BILL 1529**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY**

**MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE**

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Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee, for the record, I am Michael Howe, North Dakota Secretary of State.

Our office is currently tracking 41 bills related to elections. Of that number, 27 percent or 11 bills are campaign finance related. House Bill 1529 is one of these bills and attempts to establish filing requirements like those required of PACs plus some additional reporting for all receiving campaign funding.

Our office is not against transparency and prides itself on working with the legislature, as well as the public, on providing a transparent system that shows who is funding and influencing candidates, political parties, and measure campaigns. However, we believe much of the language in this bill will create greater confusion and is creating inconsistencies in the statute. For example:

- Page 4, Lines 8-15 – adds expenditures separated into categories to the year-end report, which contradicts Page 3, Line 22 – which crosses off the expenditure categories requirement.
- Page 5, Line 9 – removes the statewide political party from reporting, but then on Page 6, Line 29 – it includes statewide political parties in the reporting requirements.
- Page 9, Lines 17-21, and 22-23 – all ask for the same information.

Due to the numerous bills this session that examine campaign finance laws, we encourage the legislative assembly to consider an interim study to look at North Dakota's campaign finance laws and systems. If all of them were to pass, it would create a ball of wires within Century Code and our system that would be impossible to enforce and a burden to implement with our technology.

We were glad to see the appropriation in Section 5, however \$20,000 will not meet the needs this legislation creates. We have made a \$750,000 request to support new campaign finance software in SB 2002. But if that request isn't appropriated, we would be unable to implement or enforce this proposed legislation. The study would ensure that whatever changes are considered are adequately scoped in our preparation for a new system.

Chairman Longmuir, members of the committee, I urge you to consider amending this bill into an interim study that looks at our campaign finance laws.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Representative Prichard  
February 13, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

- Page 1, line 3, replace the first "and" with a comma
- Page 1, line 3, after "16.1-08.1-02.4" insert ", subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5, and section 16.1-08.1-03.7"
- Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"
- Page 1, line 13, replace "Contributions" with "Direct campaign contributions"
- Page 2, line 27, replace the first "the" with "each"
- Page 5, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~not required to file statements under~~"
- Page 5, line 12, remove the overstrike over "~~section 16.1-08.1-02.3 which is~~"
- Page 6, line 29, overstrike "a statewide political party or"
- Page 7, line 22, remove the overstrike over "~~of~~"
- Page 7, line 23, remove "and"
- Page 7, line 25, remove the overstrike over "~~;- and~~"
- Page 7, line 26, remove the overstrike over "~~g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty first~~"
- Page 10, after line 13, insert:

**"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an expenditure to a measure committee as described in section 16.1-08.1-01 for the purpose of promoting the passage or defeat of an initiated or referred measure or petition or make an expenditure to any other person that makes an independent expenditure. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an independent expenditure for a political purpose, including political advertising in support of or opposition to a candidate, political committee, or a political party, or for the purpose of promoting passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures or petitions. The corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association shall file a statement disclosing any expenditure made under this subsection with the secretary of state within forty-eight hours after making the expenditure. The statement must include:
  - a. The full name of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;
  - b. The complete address of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;

- c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
- d. If the expenditure is ~~related~~ made in support of or opposition to a measure or petition, the title of the measure or petition and whether the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to the measure or petition;
- e. If the expenditure is related to a measure, the election date on which the measure either will appear or did appear on the ballot;
- f. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate, political committee, or a political party, the name of the candidate, political committee, or political party, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or political party;
- g. The amount of the expenditure;
- ~~g-h.~~ The cumulative total amount of expenditures since the beginning of the calendar year which are required to be reported under this subsection;
- ~~h-i.~~ The telephone number and the printed name and signature of the individual completing the statement, attesting to the statement being true, complete, and correct; and
- ~~i-j.~~ The date on which the statement was signed.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-08.1-03.7. Political committees that organize and register according to federal law that make independent expenditures or disbursements to nonfederal candidates, political parties, and political committees.**

A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes an independent expenditure or makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a nonfederal candidate seeking public office or to a political party or political committee in this state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the independent expenditure or the disbursement made. The political committee shall file a copy of the committee's federal report, and supplementary information as necessary under this section, with the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The report and supplementary information must include:

1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
2. The recipient's name and mailing address;
3. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure, the name or title of the candidate or ballot measure, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition to the candidate or ballot measure;
4. The date and amount of the independent expenditure or disbursement; and

- 4-5. The ultimate and true source of funds listed by contributor and subcontributor of any amount over two hundred dollars collected or used to make the independent expenditure or disbursement including:
- a. The name and address of the contributor;
  - b. The total amount of the contribution; and
  - c. The date the last contribution was received.

**SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTION LAWS.**

During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying provisions of the North Dakota Century Code that relate to elections for purposes of eliminating duplicative provisions, clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required contribution and expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Page 10, line 16, replace "\$20,000" with "\$40,000"

Renumber accordingly



**HOUSE BILL NO. 1529**

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, Bahl, Hoverson, J. Johnson, Koppelman, McLeod, Vetter  
Senators Barta, Braunberger, Estenson, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to statewide political party campaign finance disclosures; to amend and  
3 reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 ~~and~~ sections 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4,  
4 subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5, and section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century  
5 Code, relating to reporting of expenditures for political purposes; to provide for a legislative  
6 management study; to provide a penalty; and to provide an appropriation.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota  
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be  
11 grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:  
12 a. Advertising;  
13 b. Campaign loan repayment;  
14 c. ~~Contributions~~Direct campaign contributions;  
15 d. Operations;  
16 ~~d.e.~~ Travel; and  
17 e-f. Miscellaneous.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **16.1-08.1-02.3. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
21 **statement requirements for candidates, candidate committees, multicandidate**  
22 **committees, and nonstatewide political parties.**

- 23 1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a  
24 candidate or candidate committee formed on behalf of the candidate, a multicandidate

1 political committee, or a political party other than a statewide political party soliciting or  
2 accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all  
3 contributions received from January first through the fortieth day before the election.  
4 The statement also must include each aggregated expenditure over two hundred  
5 dollars made in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot  
6 measure from January first through the fortieth day before the election. A candidate  
7 whose name is not on the ballot and who is not seeking election through write-in  
8 votes, the candidate's candidate committee, and a political party that has not endorsed  
9 or nominated any candidate in the election is not required to file a statement under this  
10 subsection. The statement may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day  
11 before the election. The statement must include:

- 12 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
13 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
  - 15 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and
  - 16 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 17 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess~~  
18 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 19 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
20 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~
- 21 d. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
22 statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
23 the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and the balance of the  
24 campaign fund on January first; and
- 25 e. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
26 political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars  
27 expended during the reporting period:
- 28 (1) The name of ~~the~~each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the  
29 expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
  - 30 (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
  - 31 (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and

- 1                   (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the  
2                   candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 3           2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
4           election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
5           statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
6           contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of more~~  
7           than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in  
8           support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot measure which  
9           is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10           a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor or for an  
11           expenditure, the name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure  
12           the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13           b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the  
14           reporting period; ~~and~~
- 15           c. ~~The~~For the contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for  
16           an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 17           d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in  
18           opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 19           3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a candidate or candidate committee, a multicandidate  
20           political committee, or a nonstatewide political party soliciting or accepting  
21           contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions  
22           received and expenditures, ~~by expenditure category,~~ made from January first through  
23           December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be submitted for filing  
24           beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 25           a. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
26           statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
27           the campaign fund on January first and on December thirty-first;
- 28           b. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
29           of more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 30                   (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
- 31                   (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

- 1           (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 2           c. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
3           ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 4           d. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
5           hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~
- 6           e. The total of all other expenditures made during the previous year, separated into  
7           expenditure categories; and
- 8           f. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
9           political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars  
10           expended during the reporting period:
- 11           (1) The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the  
12           expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13           (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
- 14           (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and
- 15           (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the  
16           candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 17           4. A person required to file a statement under this section, other than a candidate for  
18           judicial office, county office, or city office, or a candidate committee for a candidate  
19           exempted under this subsection, shall report each aggregated contribution from a  
20           contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the reporting period. For  
21           these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's  
22           occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 23           5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a  
24           candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.
- 25           6. A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county  
26           office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for  
27           city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate  
28           committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other  
29           person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the  
30           secretary of state.

1           7. The filing officer shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2           deadline.

3           8. To ensure accurate reporting and avoid commingling of campaign and personal funds,  
4           candidates shall use dedicated campaign accounts that are separate from any  
5           personal accounts.

6           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7           amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **16.1-08.1-02.4. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
9           **statement requirements for ~~statewide political parties and~~ certain political committees.**

10          1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, ~~a~~  
11          ~~statewide political party or~~ a political committee not required to file statements under  
12          section 16.1-08.1-02.3 which is soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a  
13          campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and  
14          expenditures made from January first through the fortieth day before the election. ~~A~~  
15          ~~political party that has not endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not~~  
16          ~~required to file a statement under this subsection.~~ A statement required to be filed  
17          under this subsection may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day  
18          before the election. The statement must include:

19          a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
20          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 21               (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
22               (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
23               (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

24          b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess~~  
25          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

26          c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
27          hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

28          d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~more than  
29          two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 30               (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
31               (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~

- 1           (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and
- 2           (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 3           ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot
- 4           measure, or political committee, and whether the expenditure was made in
- 5           support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political
- 6           committee;
- 7           e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~
- 8           than two hundred dollars;
- 9           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
- 10           dollars or less; and
- 11           g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and
- 12           balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 13           2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
- 14           election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
- 15           statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
- 16           contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of more~~
- 17           than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in
- 18           support of or in opposition to a candidate, ballot measure, or political committee which
- 19           is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 20           a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor, or for an
- 21           expenditure, the name of the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee
- 22           the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 23           b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the
- 24           reporting period; ~~and~~
- 25           c. ~~The~~For a contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for
- 26           an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 27           d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in
- 28           opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee.
- 29           3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, ~~a statewide political party or~~ a political committee that is
- 30           not required to file a statement under section 16.1-08.1-2.3 shall file a campaign
- 31           disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made

- 1 from January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement  
2 may be submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 3 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~  
4 ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 5 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
6 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
7 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 8 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
9 ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 10 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
11 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 12 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~more than  
13 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
15 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~  
16 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and  
17 (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
18 ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot  
19 measure, or political committee and whether the expenditure was made in  
20 support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political  
21 committee;
- 22 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~ more  
23 than two hundred dollars; ~~and~~
- 24 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
25 dollars or less; and
- 26 g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 27 4. A person required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each aggregated  
28 contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the  
29 reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include  
30 the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 31 5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.

1       6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2           deadline.

3       **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 created and enacted as follows:

5       **Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure statement**  
6 **requirements for statewide political parties.**

7       1. Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a statewide  
8 political party soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure  
9 statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
10 January first through the fortieth day before the election. A political party that has not  
11 endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not required to file a statement  
12 under this subsection. A statement required to be filed under this subsection may be  
13 submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement  
14 must include:

15       a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
16 two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

17           (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;

18           (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

19           (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

20       b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
21 two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

22       c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
23 two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

24       d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds of more than  
25 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

26           (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;

27           (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and

28           (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

29       e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
30 two hundred dollars;



- 1           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
2           dollars or less; and
- 3           g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and  
4           balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 5        2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
6        election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
7        statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
8        contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is more than five  
9        hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10       a. The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
11       b. The total amount of the contribution received during the reporting period; and  
12       c. The date the last contributed amount was received.
- 13       3. Before February first, a statewide political party shall file a campaign disclosure  
14       statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
15       January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be  
16       submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 17       a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
18       two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 19           (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
20           (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
21           (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 22       b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
23       two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 24       c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
25       two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 26       d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds more than  
27       two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 28           (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
29           (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and  
30           (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

- 1           e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
2                   two hundred dollars;
- 3           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
4                   dollars or less; and
- 5           g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 6       4. A political party required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each  
7           aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more  
8           during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement  
9           must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal  
10           place of business.
- 11       5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.
- 12       6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
13           deadline.

14       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5 of the North Dakota  
15 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 16       3. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or  
17           association may make an expenditure to a measure committee as described in section  
18           16.1-08.1-01 for the purpose of promoting the passage or defeat of an initiated or  
19           referred measure or petition or make an expenditure to any other person that makes  
20           an independent expenditure. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
21           company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an independent expenditure  
22           for a political purpose, including political advertising in support of or opposition to a  
23           candidate, political committee, or a political party, or for the purpose of promoting  
24           passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures or petitions. The corporation,  
25           cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association  
26           shall file a statement disclosing any expenditure made under this subsection with the  
27           secretary of state within forty-eight hours after making the expenditure. The statement  
28           must include:
- 29           a. The full name of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
30                   company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;

- 1           b. The complete address of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
2           company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;
- 3           c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
- 4           d. If the expenditure is ~~related~~ made in support of or opposition to a measure or  
5           petition, the title of the measure or petition and whether the expenditure is made  
6           in support of or opposition to the measure or petition;
- 7           e. If the expenditure is related to a measure, the election date on which the  
8           measure either will appear or did appear on the ballot;
- 9           f. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate, political  
10           committee, or a political party, the name of the candidate, political committee, or  
11           political party, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition  
12           to the candidate, political committee, or political party;
- 13           g. The amount of the expenditure;
- 14           ~~g-h.~~ The cumulative total amount of expenditures since the beginning of the calendar  
15           year which are required to be reported under this subsection;
- 16           ~~h-i.~~ The telephone number and the printed name and signature of the individual  
17           completing the statement, attesting to the statement being true, complete, and  
18           correct; and
- 19           ~~i-j.~~ The date on which the statement was signed.

20           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22           **16.1-08.1-03.7. Political committees that organize and register according to federal**  
23 **law that make independent expenditures or disbursements to nonfederal candidates,**  
24 **political parties, and political committees.**

25           A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes an  
26 independent expenditure or makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a  
27 nonfederal candidate seeking public office or to a political party or political committee in this  
28 state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the independent  
29 expenditure or the disbursement made. The political committee shall file a copy of the  
30 committee's federal report, and supplementary information as necessary under this section, with

1 the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The  
2 report and supplementary information must include:

- 3 1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
- 4 2. The recipient's name and mailing address;
- 5 3. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure,  
6 the name or title of the candidate or ballot measure, and whether the expenditure is  
7 made in support of or in opposition to the candidate or ballot measure;
- 8 4. The date and amount of the independent expenditure or disbursement; and
- 9 ~~4.5.~~ The ultimate and true source of funds listed by contributor and subcontributor of any  
10 amount over two hundred dollars collected or used to make the independent  
11 expenditure or disbursement including:
  - 12 a. The name and address of the contributor;
  - 13 b. The total amount of the contribution; and
  - 14 c. The date the last contribution was received.

15 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTION LAWS.** During the  
16 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying provisions of the North  
17 Dakota Century Code that relate to elections for purposes of eliminating duplicative provisions,  
18 clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required contribution and  
19 expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The legislative management  
20 shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to  
21 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

22 **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - SYSTEM UPGRADES.** There  
23 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
24 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$20,000~~\$40,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
25 secretary of state for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the necessary system  
26 upgrades required by this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,  
27 2025.



# North Dakota House of Representatives

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**COMMITTEES:**  
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**House Bill 1529**  
**Senate State and Local Government Committee**  
**Senator Roers, Chairman**  
**March 17, 2023**

Chairman Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

My name is Rep. Brandon Prichard and I represent District 8 which covers all of Emmons County, rural and suburban portions of Burleigh County, and Wilton which is in McLean County. I am here to testify in support HB 1529 which attempts to study Title 16.1 of Century Code and determine the best course of action to require new disclosure requirements for candidates, political committees, and political parties (filers) that are subject to NDCC §§ 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4. After discussions with the Secretary of State's Office and Legislative Council, I believe a deep look into Chapter 16.1 could close loopholes and clean up language and inconsistencies. The study would also attempt to make reporting requirements as standardized as possible, with the understanding that different political entities have unique factors that merit a different reporting requirement. The aim of this bill is to increase campaign finance transparency which will benefit voters and candidates alike.

While I am in full support of a study, I am disappointed with the decision of the House Political Subdivisions Committee to overlook the work the Secretary of State's Office and myself put into making a deal where a study could clean up the code while also putting in the current code a workable requirement for expenditure transparency. Originally, the bill attempted to align transparency requirements for all candidates, political committees, and political entities with the requirements of political spenders like independent expenditure filers. This is to say that when a filer makes an expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate, the filer making the expenditure must disclose the expenditure on the next campaign statement submitted.

I would like to explain the amendment to HB 1529 I attached in my testimony.

In **Section 1**, the bill would rename the contributions expenditure category to "Direct Campaign Contributions." **Section 2** adds the following reporting requirement for candidates, candidate committees, multi-candidate committees, and non-statewide political parties:

1. The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the expenditure was intended to support or oppose,
2. The total amount of the expenditure,
3. The date the last expenditure was made, and
4. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

The dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same

**Section 3** adds to political action committees and ballot measure committees, the requirements to report:

1. The name of each candidate, political committee, or ballot measures the expenditure was intended to support or oppose, and
2. Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.

Again, the dollar value thresholds and reporting timelines remain the same.

**Section 4** splits statewide political parties reporting requirements into a separate section of the Century Code while leaving the reporting requirements the same.

**Section 5** requires any corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association to follow the same guidelines as filers in section 2.

**Section 6** requires federal political filers to follow the same guidelines as filers in section 2.

**Section 7** is the current form of the bill. It would study the best way to make Chapter 16.1 of Century Code uniform while standardizing requirements.

**Section 8** would provide a \$40,000 appropriation to the Secretary of State Office to execute the directives of HB 1529.

To encourage transparency in the election process, I encourage the Senate State and Local Government Committee to amend HB 1529 to its intended form and render a “Do Pass” recommendation.

## Current Campaign Finance Disclosure Requirements

There are two major sets of requirements under current law for the various filer types in the system called North Dakota Campaign Finance Online (ND CFO):

### NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3

- Applies to the following filers:
  - Candidates and candidate committees
  - Multicandidate committees (both for statewide candidates and non-specified)
  - Legislative district political parties
- Requires the disclosure of:
  - Contributions from a contributor totaling more than \$200 in a reporting period:
    - Contributor's name and mailing address
    - Total of contribution(s)
    - Date of last contribution received
  - Total of all contributions from contributors giving less than \$200 in a reporting period:
  - Statewide candidates and statewide multi candidate committees only: the balance of campaign fund at the beginning and end of reporting period
  - Total contributions from a contributor greater than \$500 in the 39 days before an election
    - Contributor's name and mailing address
    - Total received from a contributor during the 39 days that is greater than \$500
    - Date of last contribution received
  - Year-end statement only, totals of expenditures in the following categories:
    - Advertising
    - Campaign loan repayment
    - Operations
    - Travel
    - Miscellaneous
  - Except for judicial, county, and city candidates – Contributions greater than \$5,000:
    - Contributor's occupation
    - Employer
    - Employer's principal place of business
- Reporting periods for disclosure statements:
  - Pre- Primary – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
  - Pre-General – January 1 – 40 days before election when on or supporting candidates on ballot
  - 48-Hour – within 48 hours of receiving contribution greater than \$500 in the 39 days before election
  - Year-End – January 1 - December 31

### NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.4

- Applies to:
  - State political parties
  - Political action committees
  - Measure committees
- All the same requirements listed above except for:
  - Disclosing expenditures on every statement greater than \$200:
    - Recipient name and mailing address
    - Total of expenditure(s) made to recipient in reporting period
    - Date of last expenditure
  - Total of all expenditures less than \$200 during the reporting period
  - No year-end totals for expenditure categories
  - For measure committees, contribution and expenditure reporting threshold is \$100

## North Dakota Rural Voters

Independent Expenditure Filer

Registration Date: 10/3/2022

Reporting Year: 2022

Type Independent Expenditure Filer

### Organization Information

Organization Name North Dakota Rural Voters  
 Organization Acronym NDRV  
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 Organization Email info@ndruralvoters.org  
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### Independent Expenditures

Date Filed	Statement total of IE made	YTD total of IE made	
10/13/22	10/13/22	\$37,579.20	\$37,579.20


## Selected Statement Details

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Date Filed	Statement total of IE made	YTD total of IE made	
Independent Expenditure	10/13/22	\$37,579.20	\$37,579.20

### Expenditures

 Indicates an amended transaction. Click to view the original transaction.

Name	Address	Date	Amount	Stance	Measure/Petition Name	Date on Ballot	Supports or Opposes - Candidate, Political Party or Political Committee	Amended Date
<a href="#">KMHA Radio 91.3</a>	601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763	10/12/22	\$3,910.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVille	
<a href="#">MHA Times</a>	601 Lodge Road New Town, ND 58763	10/03/22	\$676.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVille	
<a href="#">New Town News</a>	PO Box 730 New Town, ND 58763	10/03/22	\$1,600.00	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVille	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, ND 20009	10/10/22	\$6,350.76	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Lisa Finley-DeVille	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009	10/10/22	\$12,253.92	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Kathy Hogan	
<a href="#">Petel &amp; Co.</a>	1209 Fairmont Street NW Washington DC, DC 20009	10/10/22	\$12,788.52	No - Not Related to a Measure			Supports Ruth Buffalo & Sorja Kaye	



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Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1529**

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, Bahl, Hoverson, J. Johnson, Koppelman, McLeod, Vetter  
Senators Barta, Braunberger, Estenson, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to statewide political party campaign finance disclosures; to amend and  
3 reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01-~~and~~, sections 16.1-08.1-02.3 and 16.1-08.1-02.4,  
4 subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5, and section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century  
5 Code, relating to reporting of expenditures for political purposes; to provide for a legislative  
6 management study; to provide a penalty; and to provide an appropriation.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota  
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be
- 11 grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:
- 12 a. Advertising;
- 13 b. Campaign loan repayment;
- 14 c. ~~Contributions~~Direct campaign contributions;
- 15 d. Operations;
- 16 d.e. Travel; and
- 17 e.f. Miscellaneous.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **16.1-08.1-02.3. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
21 **statement requirements for candidates, candidate committees, multicandidate**  
22 **committees, and nonstatewide political parties.**

- 23 1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a
- 24 candidate or candidate committee formed on behalf of the candidate, a multicandidate

1 political committee, or a political party other than a statewide political party soliciting or  
2 accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all  
3 contributions received from January first through the fortieth day before the election.

4 The statement also must include each aggregated expenditure over two hundred  
5 dollars made in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot  
6 measure from January first through the fortieth day before the election. A candidate

7 whose name is not on the ballot and who is not seeking election through write-in  
8 votes, the candidate's candidate committee, and a political party that has not endorsed  
9 or nominated any candidate in the election is not required to file a statement under this  
10 subsection. The statement may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day  
11 before the election. The statement must include:

12 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~  
13 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
15 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
16 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

17 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
18 ~~of~~ more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

19 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
20 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~

21 d. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
22 statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
23 the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and the balance of the  
24 campaign fund on January first; and

25 e. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
26 political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars  
27 expended during the reporting period:

- 28 (1) The name of ~~the~~each candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the  
29 expenditure was intended to support or oppose;  
30 (2) The total amount of the expenditure;  
31 (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and

- 1                   (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the  
2                   candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 3           2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
4           election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
5           statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
6           contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of~~more  
7           than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in  
8           support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot measure which  
9           is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10           a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor or for an  
11           expenditure, the name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure  
12           the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13           b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the  
14           reporting period; and
- 15           c. ~~The~~For the contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for  
16           an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 17           d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in  
18           opposition to the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 19           3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, a candidate or candidate committee, a multicandidate  
20           political committee, or a nonstatewide political party soliciting or accepting  
21           contributions shall file a campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions  
22           received and expenditures, ~~by expenditure category,~~ made from January first through  
23           December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be submitted for filing  
24           beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 25           a. For a statewide candidate, a candidate committee formed on behalf of a  
26           statewide candidate, and a statewide multicandidate committee, the balance of  
27           the campaign fund on January first and on December thirty-first;
- 28           b. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
29           ofmore than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 30                   (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;
- 31                   (2) The total amount of the contribution; and

- 1                   (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 2                   c. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~
- 3                   ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 4                   d. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two
- 5                   hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period; ~~and~~
- 6                   e. The total of all other expenditures made during the previous year, separated into
- 7                   expenditure categories; and
- 8                   f. For each aggregated expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 9                   political committee, or ballot measure which totals more than two hundred dollars
- 10                  expended during the reporting period:
- 11                  (1) The name of the candidate, political committee, or ballot measure the
- 12                  expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 13                  (2) The total amount of the expenditure;
- 14                  (3) The date the last expenditure was made; and
- 15                  (4) Whether the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to the
- 16                  candidate, political committee, or ballot measure.
- 17                  4. A person required to file a statement under this section, other than a candidate for
- 18                  judicial office, county office, or city office, or a candidate committee for a candidate
- 19                  exempted under this subsection, shall report each aggregated contribution from a
- 20                  contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the reporting period. For
- 21                  these contributions from individuals, the statement must include the contributor's
- 22                  occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.
- 23                  5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a
- 24                  candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.
- 25                  6. A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county
- 26                  office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for
- 27                  city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate
- 28                  committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other
- 29                  person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the
- 30                  secretary of state.

1           7. The filing officer shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2           deadline.

3           8. To ensure accurate reporting and avoid commingling of campaign and personal funds,  
4           candidates shall use dedicated campaign accounts that are separate from any  
5           personal accounts.

6           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7           amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **16.1-08.1-02.4. Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure**  
9           **statement requirements for ~~statewide political parties and certain political committees.~~**

10          1. ~~Prior to~~Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a  
11          ~~statewide political party or a political committee~~ not required to file statements under  
12          section 16.1-08.1-02.3 which is soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a  
13          campaign disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and  
14          expenditures made from January first through the fortieth day before the election. A  
15          ~~political party that has not endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not~~  
16          ~~required to file a statement under this subsection.~~ A statement required to be filed  
17          under this subsection may be submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day  
18          before the election. The statement must include:

19          a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess~~  
20          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 21               (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
22               (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
23               (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

24          b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess~~  
25          ~~of~~more than two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

26          c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
27          hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

28          d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of~~more than  
29          two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 30               (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
31               (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~

- 1                   (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and
- 2                   (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,
- 3                   ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot
- 4                   measure, or political committee, and whether the expenditure was made in
- 5                   support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political
- 6                   committee;
- 7                   e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~
- 8                   than two hundred dollars;
- 9                   f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred
- 10                  dollars or less; and
- 11                  g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and
- 12                  balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 13                  2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the
- 14                  election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental
- 15                  statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a
- 16                  contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is ~~in excess of more~~
- 17                  than five hundred dollars or the making of an expenditure or aggregate expenditure in
- 18                  support of or in opposition to a candidate, ballot measure, or political committee which
- 19                  is more than five hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 20                  a. ~~The~~For a contribution, the name and mailing address of the contributor, or for an
- 21                  expenditure, the name of the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee
- 22                  the expenditure was intended to support or oppose;
- 23                  b. The total amount of the contribution received or expenditure made during the
- 24                  reporting period; ~~and~~
- 25                  c. ~~The~~For a contribution, the date the last contributed amount was received, or for
- 26                  an expenditure, the date the last expenditure was made; and
- 27                  d. For an expenditure, whether the expenditure was made in support of or in
- 28                  opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political committee.
- 29                  3. ~~Prior to~~Before February first, ~~a statewide political party or~~ a political committee that is
- 30                  not required to file a statement under section 16.1-08.1-2.3 shall file a campaign
- 31                  disclosure statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made

1 from January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement  
2 may be submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:

3 a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals ~~in excess-~~  
4 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 5 (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
6 (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
7 (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

8 b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total ~~in excess-~~  
9 ~~of more than~~ two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

10 c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed two  
11 hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

12 d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds ~~in excess of more than~~  
13 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 14 (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
15 (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; ~~and~~  
16 (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient; and  
17 (4) If the expenditure was made in support of or in opposition to a candidate,  
18 ballot measure, or political committee, the name of the candidate, ballot  
19 measure, or political committee and whether the expenditure was made in  
20 support of or in opposition to the candidate, ballot measure, or political  
21 committee;

22 e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds ~~in excess of more~~  
23 ~~than~~ two hundred dollars; ~~and~~

24 f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
25 dollars or less; ~~and~~

26 g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.

27 4. A person required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each aggregated  
28 contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more during the  
29 reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement must include  
30 the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal place of business.

31 5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.

1           6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
2           deadline.

3           **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 created and enacted as follows:

5           **Pre-election, supplemental, and year-end campaign disclosure statement**  
6 **requirements for statewide political parties.**

7           1. Before the thirty-first day before a primary, general, or special election, a statewide  
8 political party soliciting or accepting contributions shall file a campaign disclosure  
9 statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
10 January first through the fortieth day before the election. A political party that has not  
11 endorsed or nominated a candidate in an election is not required to file a statement  
12 under this subsection. A statement required to be filed under this subsection may be  
13 submitted for filing beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election. The statement  
14 must include:

15           a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
16 two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:

- 17                   (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
18                   (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
19                   (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;

20           b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
21 two hundred dollars during the reporting period;

22           c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
23 two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;

24           d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds of more than  
25 two hundred dollars in the aggregate:

- 26                   (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
27                   (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and  
28                   (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

29           e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
30 two hundred dollars;



- 1           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
2           dollars or less; and
- 3           g. The balance of the campaign fund on the fortieth day before the election and  
4           balance of the campaign fund on January first.
- 5        2. Beginning on the thirty-ninth day before the election through the day before the  
6        election, a person that files a statement under subsection 1 must file a supplemental  
7        statement within forty-eight hours of the start of the day following the receipt of a  
8        contribution or aggregate contribution from a contributor which is more than five  
9        hundred dollars. The statement must include:
- 10       a. The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
11       b. The total amount of the contribution received during the reporting period; and  
12       c. The date the last contributed amount was received.
- 13       3. Before February first, a statewide political party shall file a campaign disclosure  
14       statement that includes all contributions received and expenditures made from  
15       January first through December thirty-first of the previous year. The statement may be  
16       submitted for filing beginning on January first. The statement must include:
- 17       a. For each aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals more than  
18       two hundred dollars received during the reporting period:
- 19           (1) The name and mailing address of the contributor;  
20           (2) The total amount of the contribution; and  
21           (3) The date the last contributed amount was received;
- 22       b. The total of all aggregated contributions from contributors which total more than  
23       two hundred dollars during the reporting period;
- 24       c. The total of all contributions received from contributors that contributed  
25       two hundred dollars or less each during the reporting period;
- 26       d. For each recipient of an expenditure from campaign funds more than  
27       two hundred dollars in the aggregate:
- 28           (1) The name and mailing address of the recipient;  
29           (2) The total amount of the expenditure made to the recipient; and  
30           (3) The date the last expended amount was made to the recipient;

- 1           e. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of more than  
2                     two hundred dollars;
- 3           f. The aggregate total of all expenditures from campaign funds of two hundred  
4                     dollars or less; and
- 5           g. The balance of the campaign fund on January first and December thirty-first.
- 6       4. A political party required to file a statement under this section shall disclose each  
7           aggregated contribution from a contributor which totals five thousand dollars or more  
8           during the reporting period. For these contributions from individuals, the statement  
9           must include the contributor's occupation, employer, and the employer's principal  
10           place of business.
- 11       5. Statements under this section must be filed with the secretary of state.
- 12       6. The secretary of state shall assess and collect fees for any reports filed after the filing  
13           deadline.

14       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-03.5 of the North Dakota  
15 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 16       3. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or  
17           association may make an expenditure to a measure committee as described in section  
18           16.1-08.1-01 for the purpose of promoting the passage or defeat of an initiated or  
19           referred measure or petition or make an expenditure to any other person that makes  
20           an independent expenditure. A corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
21           company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association may make an independent expenditure  
22           for a political purpose, including political advertising in support of or opposition to a  
23           candidate, political committee, or a political party, or for the purpose of promoting  
24           passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures or petitions. The corporation,  
25           cooperative corporation, limited liability company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association  
26           shall file a statement disclosing any expenditure made under this subsection with the  
27           secretary of state within forty-eight hours after making the expenditure. The statement  
28           must include:
- 29           a. The full name of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
30                     company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;

- 1           b. The complete address of the corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability  
2           company, affiliate, subsidiary, or association;
- 3           c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
- 4           d. If the expenditure is ~~related~~made in support of or opposition to a measure or  
5           petition, the title of the measure or petition and whether the expenditure is made  
6           in support of or opposition to the measure or petition;
- 7           e. If the expenditure is related to a measure, the election date on which the  
8           measure either will appear or did appear on the ballot;
- 9           f. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate, political  
10           committee, or a political party, the name of the candidate, political committee, or  
11           political party, and whether the expenditure is made in support of or in opposition  
12           to the candidate, political committee, or political party;
- 13           g. The amount of the expenditure;
- 14           ~~g-h.~~ The cumulative total amount of expenditures since the beginning of the calendar  
15           year which are required to be reported under this subsection;
- 16           ~~h-i.~~ The telephone number and the printed name and signature of the individual  
17           completing the statement, attesting to the statement being true, complete, and  
18           correct; and
- 19           ~~i-j.~~ The date on which the statement was signed.

20           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22           **16.1-08.1-03.7. Political committees that organize and register according to federal**  
23 **law that make independent expenditures or disbursements to nonfederal candidates,**  
24 **political parties, and political committees.**

25           A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes an  
26 independent expenditure or makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a  
27 nonfederal candidate seeking public office or to a political party or political committee in this  
28 state shall file a copy of that portion of the committee's federal report detailing the independent  
29 expenditure or the disbursement made. The political committee shall file a copy of the  
30 committee's federal report, and supplementary information as necessary under this section, with

1 the secretary of state at the time of filing the report with the applicable federal agency. The  
2 report and supplementary information must include:

- 3 1. The name, mailing address, and treasurer of the political committee;
- 4 2. The recipient's name and mailing address;
- 5 3. If the expenditure is made in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure,  
6 the name or title of the candidate or ballot measure, and whether the expenditure is  
7 made in support of or in opposition to the candidate or ballot measure;
- 8 4. The date and amount of the independent expenditure or disbursement; and
- 9 4.5. The ultimate and true source of funds listed by contributor and subcontributor of any  
10 amount over two hundred dollars collected or used to make the independent  
11 expenditure or disbursement including:
  - 12 a. The name and address of the contributor;
  - 13 b. The total amount of the contribution; and
  - 14 c. The date the last contribution was received.

15 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTION LAWS.** During the  
16 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying provisions of the North  
17 Dakota Century Code that relate to elections for purposes of eliminating duplicative provisions,  
18 clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required contribution and  
19 expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The legislative management  
20 shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to  
21 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

22 **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - SYSTEM UPGRADES.** There  
23 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
24 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$20,000~~\$40,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
25 secretary of state for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the necessary system  
26 upgrades required by this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,  
27 2025.

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**HOUSE BILL 1529**  
**MARCH 17, 2023**

**SENATE STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**SENATOR KRISTIN ROERS, CHAIR**

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY**

**MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE**

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Chairman Roers and members of the committee, for the record, I am Michael Howe, North Dakota Secretary of State.

House Bill 1529 was amended to address that request and seeks to create an interim study, however, we are proposing an amendment to the bill as we believe the current language does not specifically address campaign finance and is too broad in scope.

The amendment we are proposing is included below, along with a Christmas tree version of the bill.

Chairman Roers, members of the committee, I urge you amend this bill, and I'll stand for any questions.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1529**

Page 1, line 1, overstrike "state elections law." and insert "campaign finance law."

Page 1, line 5, after "Code" insert "16.1-08.1" and overstrike "elections" and insert "campaign contribution statements"

Page 1, line 9, after "to" overstrike "the"

Renumber accordingly

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, ~~Bahl~~, Hoverson, J. Johnson, ~~Koppelman~~, McLeod, Vetter

Senators ~~Barta~~, ~~Braunberger~~, ~~Estenson~~, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to ~~state elections-~~  
~~law~~ campaign finance law.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE ELECTIONS LAW.** During  
4 the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provisions of the  
5 North Dakota Century Code 16.1-08.1 related to ~~elections~~ campaign contribution statements for  
6 purposes of eliminating duplicative  
7 provisions, clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required  
8 contribution and expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The  
9 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
10 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to ~~the~~ the sixty-ninth legislative  
assembly.