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Short Title: Campaign Finance Electronic Reporting.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC FILING OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN FINANCE
3 REPORTS BY CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-278.9(j) reads as rewritten:

6 "(j) Treasurers for each of the following entities shall electronically file each report
7 required by this section that shows a cumulative total for the election cycle in excess of ~~five~~
8 ~~thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ the stated amount in contributions, in expenditures, or in loans,
9 according to rules adopted by the State Board of Elections:

10 (1) A candidate for statewide ~~office;~~office, if more than five thousand dollars
11 (\$5,000).

12 (2) A State, district, county, or precinct executive committee of a political party,
13 if the committee makes contributions or independent expenditures in excess
14 of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) that affect contests for statewide
15 ~~office;~~office.

16 (3) A political committee that makes contributions in excess of five thousand
17 dollars (\$5,000) to candidates for statewide office or makes independent
18 expenditures in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) that affect contests
19 for statewide office.

20 (4) All other political committees, if more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

21 The State Board of Elections shall provide the software necessary to file an electronic report to
22 a treasurer required to file an electronic report at no cost to the treasurer. The State Board of
23 Elections may waive penalties for delays in electronic filing upon a showing that the delay in
24 filing was a result of circumstances beyond the control of the treasurer, such as software
25 malfunctions, Internet outages, or natural disasters. For purposes of this subsection, the term
26 "electronically file" shall mean either filing of reports using the software provided by the State
27 Board of Elections or filing reports created using forms provided by the State Board of
28 Elections that are legibly typewritten and are electronically transmitted."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2014, and applies to reports
30 filed on or after that date if the State Board of Elections has developed and made available free
31 electronic filing software for both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. If the software
32 is not available for both operating systems by January 1, 2014, the act shall apply to reports
33 filed 30 days on or after the date the State Board of Elections gives notice to all treasurers and
34 makes that software available for both operating systems.

