

Highlights of Campaign Finance Changes - 2016 General Session

[H.B. 48 \(Substitute 4\) – Election Law Amendments](#) – Rep. McCay

- Removes a political party's ability to replace a candidate who is disqualified for failure to file a financial disclosure report.
- If a candidate fails to file certain financial reports by the deadline (listed below), the candidate is given a 24-hour grace period to file the report before he or she is disqualified from the election. *A candidate is still subject to a fine for failure to file a report by the deadline.*
 - Primary Report (due June 21, 2016)
 - September 30th Report (due September 30, 2016)
 - General Report (due November 1, 2016)
- Changes the time a report is due (from 5:00 p.m. on the due date to 11:59 p.m. on the due date).
- Effective March 17, 2016.

[H.B. 95 - Political Issues Committee Amendments](#) - Rep. Powell

- Redefines (by adding the word “supporting”) the definition of PICs, to exempt a group of individuals who:
 - Associate together for the purpose of challenging *or supporting* a single ballot proposition, ordinance, or other governmental action;
 - Have a common liberty, property, or financial interest that is directly impacted by the ballot proposition, ordinance, or other governmental action;
 - Do not associate via a legal entity;
 - Do not receive funds for challenging *or supporting* the ballot proposition, ordinance, or other governmental action from a person other than an individual within the group; AND
 - Do not expend more than \$5,000.
- Effective May 10, 2016.

[H.B. 290 \(Substitute 1\) - Campaign Finance Reform Amendments](#) - Rep. Spendlove

- Removes provisions that allowed a candidate or officeholder to report the aggregate value of contributions worth \$50 or less.
- *Please note HB 290 only applies to candidates and officeholders (not PACs, PICs, or parties).*
- Effective May 10, 2016.

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