

1 a recognized political party parish executive committee, recognized party legislative
 2 delegation, or gubernatorial transition or inauguration; to provide reporting
 3 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:1463(C) and (E), 1483(7)(b)(i), (10), (11)(b)(ii), (11)(d)(i), the
 6 introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:1583(21)(b) and (d), 1491.5(B)(2)(a), 1491.6(D)(1),
 7 (D)(3)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:1491.6(E), (E)(1), (J),
 8 1491.7(B)(4)(a), (B)(5), 1495.3(B)(2)(a), 1495.4(D)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), the introductory
 9 paragraph of R.S. 18:1495.4(E), (E)(1), 1495.5(B)(5), 1501.3(C), 1505.2(B)(2), (H)(1)(c),
 10 (H)(2)(c) and (e), 1505.2(H)(3)(c), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(1)(a),
 11 1505.2(I)(1)(b)(i)(cc), (I)(1)(c)(iii), (I)(2)(a)(i)(dd), (I)(2)(a)(ii)(cc), (I)(2)(a)(v), (I)(7),
 12 1505.2.1(A)(1) and (G)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1463(H) and
 13 1483(7)(a)(vi) and (11)(d)(vi) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §1463. Political material; ethics; prohibitions

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16 C.(1) No person shall cause to be distributed, or transmitted, any oral, visual,
 17 digital, or written material containing any statement which he knows or should be
 18 reasonably expected to know makes a false statement about a candidate for election
 19 in a primary or general election or about a proposition to be submitted to the voters.

20 (2) Whenever any person, ~~political committee, entity or organization~~ **as**
 21 **defined in R.S. 18:1483**, makes a disbursement for the purpose of the financing of
 22 any electioneering communication, such communication shall comply with the
 23 following items under the following circumstances:

24 (a) If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an
 25 authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state that
 26 the communication has been paid for by such authorized political committee. The
 27 name of the political committee paying for the communication shall be given in full
 28 and no acronyms shall be used.

29 (b) If the communication is paid for by other persons, but authorized by a

1 candidate, an authorized political committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall
2 clearly state that the communication is paid for by such other persons and authorized
3 by such authorized political committee. The name of the authorized political
4 committee shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be used.

5 (c) If the communication is not authorized by a candidate, a ~~political~~
6 **principal campaign** committee of a candidate, or its agents, it shall clearly state the
7 (i) name, (ii) physical address (not post office box), ~~and (iii) telephone number and,~~
8 **or** the world-wide web address if available of the person, ~~committee, entity or~~
9 ~~organization~~ **as defined in R.S. 18:1483**, who paid for the communication; **and (iii)**
10 and state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidate
11 committee. The name of the payer shall be given in full and no acronyms shall be
12 used.

13 **(d) In visual and oral political announcements or advertisements, the**
14 **statement required by this Subsection shall be included so that it is clearly**
15 **understandable as well as audible or visible for not less than four seconds.**

16 **(e) In digital announcements or advertisements, the name of the**
17 **third-party entity shall appear in text sized at least as large as the smallest text**
18 **in the digital material or in a heading or similar section of text displayed above**
19 **or within the digital material that is visually distinct from the remainder of the**
20 **digital material's text and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast**
21 **between the background and the name of the third-party entity.**

22 ~~(3) If an individual, association, organization, committee, or corporation is~~
23 ~~responsible for or causes the distribution or transmission of any statements relative~~
24 ~~to candidates or propositions which do not fully disclose the name of the individual~~
25 ~~or the name of the association, organization, committee, or corporation, and the full~~
26 ~~and correct name and address of its chairman or other chief administrative officer~~
27 ~~and whether or not such individual, association, organization, committee, or~~
28 ~~corporation supports or opposes such candidate or proposition, such individual,~~
29 ~~association, organization, committee, or corporation shall report all expenditures~~

1 incurred in relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission
2 in accordance with R.S. 18:1491.7, 1495.5, or 1501.1.

3 ~~(4)~~**(3)**(a) No person shall misrepresent himself or any committee or
4 organization under his control as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on
5 behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or
6 agent thereof.

7 (b) No person shall willfully and knowingly participate in or conspire to
8 participate in a plan, scheme, or design to misrepresent himself or any committee or
9 organization under his control or under the control of any other participant in the
10 plan, scheme, or design as speaking, writing, or otherwise acting for or on behalf of
11 any candidate, political committee, or political party, or any employee or agent
12 thereof.

13 (c) A radio or television broadcaster who broadcasts a paid political
14 announcement or advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster had no input
15 in or control over, is not subject to the provisions of this Paragraph.

16 ~~(5) For purposes of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the term "electioneering~~
17 ~~communication" means any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers~~
18 ~~to a legally qualified candidate for elected office and is broadcast within sixty days~~
19 ~~before any election in which such candidate is on the ballot.~~

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21 E.(1) ~~No person shall cause to be distributed or transmitted for or on behalf~~
22 ~~of a candidate for political office any oral, visual, digital, or written material~~
23 ~~constituting a paid political announcement or advertisement, which is paid for by a~~
24 ~~third-party entity, without providing the name of the third-party entity on the face of~~
25 ~~the advertisement. The name of the third-party entity shall be included on written and~~
26 ~~digital material, political announcements, and advertisements so that it is clear and~~
27 ~~understandable.~~

28 ~~(2) The name of the third-party entity in visual and oral political~~
29 ~~announcements or advertisements shall be included so that it is clearly~~

1 ~~understandable as well as audible and visible for not less than three seconds. If the~~
2 ~~advertisement is placed by a public relations firm, advertising agency, media buyer,~~
3 ~~or other person who purchases media advertising or time or space for such~~
4 ~~advertising, such person shall provide the information required by this Section.~~

5 ~~(3) In digital announcements or advertisements, the name of the third-party~~
6 ~~entity shall appear in a text sized at least as large as the smallest text in the digital~~
7 ~~material or in a heading or similar section of text displayed above or within the~~
8 ~~digital material that is visually distinct from the remainder of the digital material's~~
9 ~~text and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and~~
10 ~~the name of the third-party entity.~~

11 ~~(4)~~ For the purposes of this Subsection, "person" means any individual,
12 partnership, association, labor union, political committee, corporation, or other legal
13 entity, including its subsidiaries.

14 ~~(5)~~(2)(a) A media entity who broadcasts a paid political announcement or
15 advertisement, the content of which the broadcaster has no input in or control over,
16 is not subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

17 (b) For purposes of this Subsection, a media entity includes a radio broadcast
18 station, television broadcast station, cable or satellite television company, or other
19 video service provider, streaming video provider, newspaper company, periodical
20 company, billboard company, advertisement agency, or media platform responsible
21 for the production or publication of any advertisement, voice, data, or other
22 communications, information services, or internet access provider, or bona fide news
23 or public interest website operator.

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25 **H. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a media entity that**
26 **broadcasts a paid political announcement or advertisement, in which the**
27 **broadcaster has had no input in or control over the announcement or**
28 **advertisement. As used in this Subsection, the term "media entity" includes a**
29 **radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable or satellite television**

1 company, or other video service provider, streaming video provider, newspaper
 2 company, periodical company, billboard company, advertisement agency, or
 3 media platform responsible for the production or publication of any
 4 advertisement, voice, data, or other communications, information services, or
 5 internet access provider, or bona fide news or public interest website operator.

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7 §1483. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given
9 to each in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 * * *

11 (7)(a) "Contribution", except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, means
12 a gift, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or anything of value, or the
13 forgiveness of a loan or of a debt made to any of the following:

14 * * *

15 (vi) Any recognized political party which receives contributions in an
16 aggregate amount of one thousand dollars within any calendar year.

17 (b) "Contribution" shall also include, without limitation:

18 (i) Contributions in-kind made for any of the purposes stated in this
19 Paragraph, having an attributable monetary value in excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred**
20 dollars. Contributions in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation by any
21 person, other than a candidate or a political committee, of the services of paid
22 employees, the value of which services exceeds ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars, such
23 value to be the amount paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the
24 right to use, any item of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and
25 not exchanged or converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the accepting
26 candidate, the chairman of the accepting ~~political~~ committee, or accepting person
27 required to file reports under this Chapter and the treasurer of such recipient, if any,
28 determines that its value or the use value, when only the right of use is given,
29 exceeds ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars and such determination shall be prima facie

1 evidence of the correctness of the valuation of the item or of the use value when
 2 applicable. In addition, successive donations made by the same person, which
 3 donations individually are valued below **fifty two hundred** dollars but which
 4 together exceed such amount, shall be deemed to be in-kind contributions and shall
 5 be aggregated for purposes of the requirements of this Chapter.

6 * * *

7 (10) "Election" means any party primary, **second party primary**, primary,
 8 general, special, or other election held, pursuant to the laws of this state or a parish
 9 or municipal charter or ordinance or a court order, to choose a public officer or
 10 nominee. For purposes of the reporting requirements for the support or opposition
 11 of a proposition or question submitted to the voters, "election" shall also mean any
 12 **party primary, second party primary**, primary, general, or special election, except
 13 local option elections held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 26 of the
 14 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, at which a proposition or question is submitted
 15 to the voters in accordance with Chapters 6-A, 6-B, and 6-C of this Code.

16 (11)(a) * * *

17 (b) "Expenditure" shall also include:

18 * * *

19 (ii) Expenditures in-kind which have an attributable monetary value in excess
 20 of **fifty two hundred** dollars, ~~made for any of the purposes stated in this Paragraph~~
 21 **to a committee**. Expenditures in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation
 22 by any person, ~~candidate, or committee~~ of the services of paid employees, the value
 23 of which services exceeds **fifty two hundred** dollars, such value to be the amount
 24 paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the right to use, any item
 25 of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and not exchanged or
 26 converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the ~~donating candidate, the~~
 27 ~~chairman of the donating committee, or the~~ donating person required to file reports
 28 under this Chapter, ~~and the campaign treasurer of such donor, if any,~~ determines that
 29 its value or the use value, when only the right to use is given, exceeds **fifty two**

1 an expenditure of two hundred fifty dollars or more.

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3 §1491.5. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and
4 expenditures

5 * * *

6 B.(1) * * *

7 (2) Payments made to purchase raffle tickets or paraphernalia, other than
8 expenditures made by a committee for its own paraphernalia, and payments for
9 tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events are contributions, and records
10 thereof shall be maintained, provided that:

11 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or
12 paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars and
13 the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a political committee, no record
14 need be kept by the treasurer for such recipient committee, except the total amount
15 received and deposited from such sale and the fact that such amount was received
16 from such sale.

17 * * *

18 §1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods

19 * * *

20 D.(1) If the final report of a committee for an election, as required by
21 Paragraph (B)(5), (6), or (7) of this Section, or the most recent monthly report of
22 such committee pursuant to Subsection I of this Section shows a deficit or a surplus,
23 the chairman and treasurer of the committee, if any, shall file supplemental reports
24 with the supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such
25 reports shall be filed annually no later than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth**
26 and shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first. Such a
27 supplemental report shall be filed each year until a report has been filed which shows
28 no deficit and until any surplus campaign funds have been disposed of in accordance
29 with R.S. 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus funds shall disclose the disbursement

1 of such funds in the same manner as expenditures are reported.

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3 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the committee is
4 dissolved and shows a deficit of less than five thousand dollars. However, if the
5 committee is dissolved and its deficit is equal to or greater than five thousand dollars,
6 the committee shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory committee of all
7 information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such report shall be filed annually no later
8 than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** and shall be complete through the
9 preceding December thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for five years
10 or until a report has been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

11 (b) However, if after five years a committee with a deficit receives any
12 contribution or if any repayment occurs on an outstanding debt or loan, such
13 committee shall file a supplemental report by the following ~~February twenty-eighth~~
14 **March fifteenth** which shall be complete through the preceding December
15 thirty-first.

16 * * *

17 E. A report shall be filed for each committee of all information required in
18 R.S. 18:1491.7 no later than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** of each year
19 which shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-first. The annual report
20 required by this Subsection shall not be required:

21 (1) If under another provision of this Section, the committee has filed another
22 report of the information required by R.S. 18:1491.7 at any time after the preceding
23 December tenth and prior to the ~~February fifteenth~~ **March fifteenth** due date, or

24 * * *

25 J. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to reports filed by a
26 leadership committee **or a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.**

27 * * *

28 §1491.7. Reports; contents

29 * * *

1 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain the
2 following information:

3 * * *

4 (4) Contributions received during the reporting period for which the report
5 is being completed shall be reported, and the same shall be reported irrespective of
6 the amount thereof except as otherwise provided, as follows:

7 (a) The full name and address of each person who has made one or more
8 contributions, except contributions in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-
9 off system, to and which have been received and accepted by the committee during
10 the reporting period, **whose contribution or contributions have an aggregate**
11 **amount or value in excess of two hundred dollars within the calendar year**; the
12 aggregate amount of such contributions, except in-kind contributions, from each
13 person, and the date and amount of each such contribution; and a brief description
14 of each in-kind contribution from each person, the valuation thereof made by the
15 chairman and the treasurer, and the date of the in-kind contribution.

16 * * *

17 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the committee during the
18 reporting period from the sale of paraphernalia. Purchases of paraphernalia from the
19 committee which are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be
20 reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
21 Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase
22 paraphernalia which are not in excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars must be reported
23 only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as
24 provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

25 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the committee during the
26 reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are
27 made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly
28 or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so
29 reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in

1 excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars must be reported only in the report of gross
2 proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
3 Subsection.

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5 §1495.3. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and
6 expenditures

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8 B.(1)

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9 (2) Payments made to purchase raffle tickets or campaign paraphernalia,
10 other than expenditures made by a candidate for his own paraphernalia, and
11 payments for tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events are contributions,
12 and records thereof shall be maintained, provided that:

13 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or
14 paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars and
15 the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a candidate, no record need be
16 kept by the campaign treasurer for such recipient candidate, except the total amount
17 received and deposited from such sale and the fact that such amount was received
18 from such sale.

19 * * *

20 §1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension

21 * * *

22 D.(1) If the final report of a candidate for an election, as required by
23 Paragraph ~~(B)~~(5), (6), or (7) of Subsection B of this Section, shows a deficit or a
24 surplus, the candidate and his treasurer, if any, shall file supplemental reports with
25 the supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5. Such
26 reports shall be filed annually no later than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth**
27 and shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first. Such a
28 supplemental report shall be filed each year until a report has been filed which shows
29 no deficit and until any surplus campaign funds have been disposed of in accordance

1 with R.S. 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus funds shall disclose the disbursement
2 of such funds in the same manner as expenditures are reported.

3 * * *

4 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the candidate is not
5 an elected public official and shows either a deficit or a surplus of less than five
6 thousand dollars. However, if the candidate is not an elected public official and his
7 deficit or surplus is equal to or greater than five thousand dollars, the candidate shall
8 file supplemental reports with the supervisory committee of all information required
9 in R.S. 18:1495.5. Such report shall be filed annually no later than ~~February twenty-~~
10 ~~eight~~ **March fifteenth** and shall be complete through the preceding December
11 thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for five years or until a report has
12 been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

13 (b) However, if after five years a candidate with a deficit receives any
14 contribution or if any repayment occurs on an outstanding debt or loan, such
15 candidate shall file a supplemental report by the following ~~February fifteenth~~ **March**
16 **fifteenth** which shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first.

17 * * *

18 E. A report shall be filed for each candidate, as defined by R.S. 18:1483(3),
19 of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5 no later than ~~February fifteenth~~ **March**
20 **fifteenth** of each year which shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-
21 first. The annual report required by this Subsection shall not be required:

22 (1) If under another provision of this Section the candidate has filed another
23 report of the information required by R.S. 18:1495.5 at any time after the preceding
24 December tenth and prior to ~~February fifteenth~~ **March fifteenth** due date, or

25 * * *

26 §1495.5. Reports; contents

27 * * *

28 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain the
29 following information:

1 * * *

2 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the
3 reporting period from the sale of paraphernalia. Purchases of such campaign
4 paraphernalia which are made by the same person and which are of such amount as
5 to be reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this
6 Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase campaign
7 items or materials which are not in excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars must be
8 reported only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported
9 as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

10 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the
11 reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are
12 made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly
13 or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so
14 reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in
15 excess of ~~fifty~~ **two hundred** dollars must be reported only in the report of gross
16 proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
17 Subsection.

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19 §1501.3. Gubernatorial transition and inauguration; contribution limits; reports

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21 C. On or before the sixtieth day after the gubernatorial inauguration and by
22 ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** annually thereafter until all contributions
23 have been expended or used, the governor shall file an all-inclusive report with the
24 supervisory committee. Each report shall be complete through January thirty-first.
25 Each report shall state:

26 * * *

27 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

28 * * *

29 B.(1) * * *

1 participate in the general election;~~;~~ or a party primary candidate who does not
 2 participate in either the second party primary, primary, or general election;~~;~~ and for
 3 the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through
 4 the day of the primary election or closed party primary, shall be twenty-four
 5 thousand dollars.

6 * * *
 7 (3)(a)(i) * * *
 8 * * *

9 (c) No candidate including his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
 10 committee thereof or leadership committee, shall accept from the same contributor
 11 a loan, transfer of funds, or contribution, including but not limited to funds for any
 12 purchase of campaign materials for more than ~~fifty~~ two hundred dollars, funds for
 13 the purchase of testimonial tickets, and any in-kind contribution, in the aggregate for
 14 all reporting periods of an election, as defined in this Paragraph, including reporting
 15 periods for any supplemental reports, in excess of the contribution limits established
 16 in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, except as otherwise specifically provided in this
 17 Subsection, and except that the provisions of Paragraph (2) shall apply for
 18 contributions accepted from a leadership committee, political committee, or principal
 19 campaign committee. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to
 20 recognized political parties and their state central committees.

21 * * *
 22 I.(1)(a) Contributions received by a candidate or committee, directly or by
 23 joint fundraising agreement, may be expended for any lawful purpose related to
 24 any of the following:

25 * * *
 26 (b)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
 27 of this Paragraph, contributions received by a candidate or a candidate's principal
 28 campaign committee, or any subsidiary committee thereof, may also be expended for
 29 any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

* * *

(cc) Contributions, **directly or by joint fundraising agreement**, to another candidate's principal campaign committee, to a political committee, ~~or~~ to a leadership committee, **to an independent-expenditure-only committee, to a recognized political party of a parish executive committee, or to a recognized party legislative delegation.**

* * *

(c)(i)

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(iii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, use of funds by a leadership committee to replace, **repair, or clean** articles lost, stolen, **soiled**, or damaged in connection with the operations of the leadership committee or the holding of public office or party position by the public officer shall not be considered personal use.

* * *

(2)(a) The following expenditures shall not be considered to be personal use by the candidate or his principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee thereof, or by an elected official or his leadership committee:

(i) Expenses related to the attendance at political or professional events by the candidate and any accompanying spouse and children, including:

* * *

(dd) Conventions and conferences of issue or social advocacy groups **or related educational programs.**

(ii) Reasonable costs of security measures for a candidate, elected official, member of their family, or campaign employees, including, but not limited to:

* * *

(cc) Security personnel, ~~and services,~~ **and related transportation** that are bona fide, legitimate, and professional.

(dd) Cybersecurity software, devices, and services.

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(v) Reasonable costs to replace **or repair** articles lost, stolen, or damaged in

1 connection with the campaign or to clean articles when required due to their use
2 in connection with the campaign or holding public office.

3 * * *

4 (7) Contributions made in excess of the limits provided in this Section to a
5 candidate, principal campaign committee, political committee, or leadership
6 committee shall be returned by the candidate or committee to the contributor by
7 check drawn on the campaign account. If the check is not negotiated within twelve
8 months of the date of the check, the excess amount shall be presumed abandoned and
9 shall be paid, transferred, or caused to be paid or transferred in accordance with the
10 Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 by the candidate or committee not later
11 than ~~February twenty-eighth~~ **March fifteenth** of the calendar year after the calendar
12 year in which the excess amount was presumed abandoned.

13 * * *

14 §1505.2.1. Designation and attribution of contributions

15 A.(1) A candidate may receive contributions designated in writing for use in
16 connection with any election in a single election cycle, whether a party primary
17 election, **a second party primary election**, primary election, or general election.
18 The candidate shall use an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between
19 contributions attributed to each particular election.

20 * * *

21 G.(1) * * *

22 (2) A candidate may ~~request that~~ **designate** all or part of a contribution
23 designated for a certain election be redesignated for a different election if the
24 contribution, either on its face or when aggregated with other contributions from the
25 same contributor for the same election, exceeds the contributions limitation provided
26 in R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

27 * * *

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for reporting of receipts and expenditures involving campaign finance.

Proposed law defines "contribution" for purposes of campaign finance, to include that made to a parish executive committee or a recognized party legislative delegation which receives contributions in an aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000 within any calendar year or any amount received by a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

Proposed law provides a Section wide exception for media entities that broadcast paid political announcements or advertisements, in which the broadcaster has had no input or control over the announcement or advertisement. Proposed law further provides a definition for what qualifies as a media entity under the provision.

Proposed law provides that "expenditure" includes any communications over the internet, except for disbursements for express advocacy communications placed or promoted for a fee on another person's website, digital device, application, or advertising platform. Provides that a communication is promoted for a fee where a payment is made to a website, digital device, application, or advertising platform in order to increase the circulation, prominence, or availability of the communication on that website, digital device, application, or advertising platform.

Present law requires that reports of records involving payments to purchase raffle tickets or paraphernalia, other than expenditures made by a committee for its own paraphernalia, and payments for tickets to testimonials and similar fundraising events are contributions maintained, provided that no report is required as to any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess of \$50 and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by a political committee, no record need be kept by the treasurer for the recipient committee, except the total amount received and deposited from the sale and the fact that the amount was received from the sale.

Proposed law retains these provisions but increases the \$50 amount to \$200.

Proposed law provides that as to certain reports filed with the supervisory committee the street number and street name of individual contributors is not to be made publicly available in any manner, including but not limited to disclosure on any governmental websites or in response to public records requests under the Public Records Law.

Proposed law changes certain reporting dates from February 28th to March 15th.

Present law provides that certain report requirements not apply to those filed by a leadership committee.

Proposed law retains present law but includes reports filed by a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

Proposed law provides that the governor or gubernatorial transition and inauguration have not duty to file a statement of organization, a statement of dissolution, or to maintain certain records to file certain reports listed in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:1463(C) and (E), 1483(7)(b)(i), (10), (11)(b)(ii), (11)(d)(i), R.S. 18:1583(21)(b) and (d)(intro para), 1491.5(B)(2)(a), 1491.6(D)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:1491.6(E), (E)(1), (J), 1491.7(B)(4)(a), (B)(5), 1495.3(B)(2)(a), 1495.4(D)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), R.S. 18:1495.4(E)(intro para), (E)(1), 1495.5(B)(5), 1501.3(C), 1505.2(B)(2), (H)(1)(c), (H)(2)(c) and (e), 1505.2(H)(3)(c), R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(1)(a)(intro para), 1505.2(I)(1)(b)(i)(cc), (I)(1)(c)(iii), (I)(2)(a)(i)(dd), (I)(2)(a)(ii)(cc), (I)(2)(a)(v), (I)(7), 1505.2.1(A)(1) and (G)(2); adds R.S. 18:1463(H) and 1483(7)(a)(vi) and (11)(d)(vi))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides an ethics exception involving political materials that covers media entities that broadcasts a paid political announcement or advertisement, in which the broadcaster has had no input or control over the announcement or advertisement.
2. Removed changes to definitions for candidate, committee, contribution, and coordinated expenditures.
3. Increases certain contribution limits from \$50 to \$200 throughout instrument.
4. Removed changes to definition of independent expenditure-only committee, independent expenditure, leadership committee, loan, primary purpose, electioneering communication, and political committee.
5. Moved reporting deadlines from February 28th to March 15th throughout instrument.
6. Removed changes involving small campaigns.
7. Changed gubernatorial transition deadlines to March 15th.
8. Changes contribution limits for contributions made to an unsuccessful major office candidate or the principal campaign committee from \$25,000 to \$24,000.
9. Provides for a judgment ordering new elections.
10. Provides relative to contributions limits for a person.
11. Removed changes to subsection pertaining to how a contribution may be redesignated.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical.
2. Removed deletion of existing law related to contributions that includes any person for the purpose of funding an expenditure to support or oppose a proposition or question submitted to the voters.