

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Changes the threshold to require certain candidates to file campaign finance reports

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1484(2)(a), relative to campaign finance; to provide for
3 persons required to file reports; to change the threshold for a candidate for any other
4 office to be required to file; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1484(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1484. Disclosure reports; persons required to file

8 Except as otherwise specifically provided, the following persons or their
9 campaign treasurers, if any, shall file reports of contributions and expenditures as
10 more specifically provided in this Chapter:

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12 (2) Each candidate for any other public office who does either of the
13 following:

14 (a) Makes expenditures in excess of ~~five~~ two thousand five hundred dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a candidate for an office other than a district or major office to file campaign finance disclosure reports if the candidate makes expenditures in excess of \$2,500.

Present law (Campaign Finance Disclosure Act) requires the following persons or their campaign treasurers, if any, to file reports of contributions and expenditures: (a) each candidate for major office or district office; (b) each candidate for any other public office who either makes expenditures in excess of \$5,000 or receives a contribution in excess of \$200 in the aggregate during the aggregating period (specifies that for this purpose only, a contribution by a candidate for his own campaign for a public office shall not be considered in determining whether the candidate has received a contribution in excess of \$200 in the aggregate); (c) each political committee; and (d) any person other than a candidate or political committee required to file reports pursuant to present law (Part IV of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act).

Proposed law lowers the threshold of expenditures for candidates for any other public office to be required to file disclosure reports from in excess of \$5,000 to in excess of \$2,500 and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:1484(2)(a))