

Matt MacPherson proposes the following substitute bill:

Financial Disclosure Revisions

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael J. Petersen

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to financial disclosures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the lieutenant governor to provide, on the website relating to political financial disclosures, the ability to search across all disclosures made by filing entities to identify contributions or expenditures made by a particular person.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-11-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 443

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-11-103** is amended to read:

20A-11-103 . Notice of pending interim and summary reports -- Form of submission -- Public availability -- Notice of reporting and filing requirements.

(1)(a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), 10 days before an interim report or summary report is due under this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial Retention Elections, the chief election officer shall inform the filing entity by electronic mail unless postal mail is requested:

(i) that the financial statement is due;

(ii) of the date that the financial statement is due; and

(iii) of the penalty for failing to file the financial statement.

- 30 (b) The chief election officer is not required to provide notice:
- 31 (i) to a candidate or political party of the financial statement that is due before the
- 32 candidate's or political party's political convention;
- 33 (ii) of a financial statement due in connection with a public hearing for an initiative
- 34 under the requirements of Section 20A-7-204.1; or
- 35 (iii) to a corporation or labor organization, as defined in Section 20A-11-1501.
- 36 (2) A filing entity shall electronically file a financial statement via electronic mail or the
- 37 Internet according to specifications established by the chief election officer.
- 38 (3)(a) A financial statement is considered timely filed if the financial statement is
- 39 received by the chief election officer's office before midnight, Mountain Time, at the
- 40 end of the day on which the financial statement is due.
- 41 (b) For a county clerk's office that is not open until midnight at the end of the day on
- 42 which a financial statement is due, the county clerk shall permit a candidate to file
- 43 the financial statement via email or another electronic means designated by the
- 44 county clerk.
- 45 (c) A chief election officer may extend the time in which a filing entity is required to file
- 46 a financial statement if a filing entity notifies the chief election officer of the
- 47 existence of an extenuating circumstance that is outside the control of the filing entity.
- 48 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access
- 49 and Management Act, the lieutenant governor shall:
- 50 (a) make each campaign finance statement filed by a candidate available for public
- 51 inspection and copying no later than one business day after the statement is filed; and
- 52 (b) post on a website established by the lieutenant governor:
- 53 (i) an electronic copy or the contents of each summary report or interim report filed
- 54 under the requirements of this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial Retention
- 55 Elections, no later than three business days after the date on which the summary
- 56 report or interim report is electronically filed; or
- 57 (ii) for a campaign finance statement filed under the requirements of Section 10-3-208,
- 58 for a municipality, or Section 17-16-6.5, for a county, a link to the municipal or
- 59 county website that hosts the campaign finance statement, no later than seven
- 60 business days after the date on which the lieutenant governor receives the link
- 61 from:
- 62 (A) the municipal clerk or recorder, in accordance with Subsection 10-3-208
- 63 (10)(b)(ii); or

64 (B) the county clerk, in accordance with Subsection 17-16-6.5(18)(b)(ii).
65 (5) The lieutenant governor shall provide, on the website described in Subsection (4)(b), the
66 ability for an individual to search across disclosures made by all filing entities to identify
67 contributions or expenditures made by a specific person.

68 [~~5~~] (6) Between January 1 and January 15 of each year, the chief election officer shall
69 provide notice, by postal mail or email, to each filing entity for which the chief election
70 officer has a physical or email address, of the reporting and filing requirements
71 described in this chapter.

72 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

73 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.