STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 29, 2017

Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- recommitted to the Committee on Elections in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring campaign finance information of certain candidates or committees to be filed on an electronic reporting system

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 14-102 of the election law, subdivision 4 as amended and subdivision 5 as added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as follows:

4. Any committee which is required to file statements with any board of elections pursuant to this article [~~and which raises or spends or expects to raise or spend more than one thousand dollars in any calendar year~~] shall file all such statements pursuant to the electronic reporting system prescribed by the state board of elections as set forth in subdivision nine-A of section 3-102 of this chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, upon the filing of a sworn statement by the treasurer of a political committee which states that such political committee does not have access to the technology necessary to comply with the electronic filing requirements of subdivision nine-A of section 3-102 of this chapter and that filing by such means would constitute a substantial hardship for such political committee, the state board of elections may issue an exemption from the electronic filing requirements of this article.

[~~5. Any committee which is required to file statements pursuant to this article with county boards of elections shall file in paper format to the county board of elections or in electronic format if the legislative body of any county provides, by local law, an electronic filing~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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~~system and shall file such statements by electronic reporting process to the state board of elections.~~]

§ 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 14-104 of the election law, subdivision 2 as amended and subdivision 3 as added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as follows:

2. Statements filed by any political committee authorized by a candidate pursuant to this article which is required to file such statements with any board of elections [~~and which raises or spends or expects to raise or spend more than one thousand dollars in any calendar year~~] shall file all such statements pursuant to the electronic reporting system prescribed by the state board of elections as set forth in subdivision nine-A of section 3-102 of this chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, upon the filing of a sworn statement by the treasurer of a political committee authorized by a candidate pursuant to this article which states that such committee does not have access to the technology necessary to comply with the electronic filing requirements of subdivision nine-A of section 3-102 of this chapter and that filing by such means would constitute a substantial hardship for such committee, the state board of elections may issue an exemption from the electronic filing requirements of this article.

[~~3. Any committee which is required to file statements pursuant to this article with county boards of elections shall file in paper format to the county board of elections or in electronic format if the legislative body of any county provides, by local law, an electronic filing system and shall file such statements by electronic reporting process to the state board of elections.~~]

§ 3. This act shall take effect December 15, 2018.