

STATE OF NEW YORK

1641

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 16, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Election Law

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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

4 4. Any committee which is required to file statements with any board
5 of elections pursuant to this article [~~and which raises or spends or~~
6 ~~expects to raise or spend more than one thousand dollars in any calendar~~
7 ~~year~~] shall file all such statements pursuant to the electronic report-
8 ing system prescribed by the state board of elections as set forth in
9 subdivision nine-A of section 3-102 of this chapter. Notwithstanding the
10 provisions of this subdivision, upon the filing of a sworn statement by
11 the treasurer of a political committee which states that such political
12 committee does not have access to the technology necessary to comply
13 with the electronic filing requirements of subdivision nine-A of section
14 3-102 of this chapter and that filing by such means would constitute a
15 substantial hardship for such political committee, the state board of
16 elections may issue an exemption from the electronic filing requirements
17 of this article.

18 [~~5. Any committee which is required to file statements pursuant to~~
19 ~~this article with county boards of elections shall file in paper format~~
20 ~~to the county board of elections or in electronic format if the legisla-~~
21 ~~tive body of any county provides, by local law, an electronic filing~~
22 ~~system and shall file such statements by electronic reporting process to~~
23 ~~the state board of elections.~~]

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

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

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

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

25 § 3. This act shall take effect December 15, 2019.