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Senators Unterman of the 45th and Balfour of the 9th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the committee substitute to SB 17 (LC 29 3647S) by inserting after the semicolon on*
 2 *line 4 the following:*

3 to change certain provisions regarding filing campaign disclosure reports and financial
 4 disclosure reports; to eliminate duplicate copy filing of certain disclosure reports with county
 5 election superintendents; to provide that electronic filing shall constitute an affirmation that
 6 a report is true, complete, and correct;

7 *By inserting at the appropriate places new Sections 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, and 2.2 to read as follows:*

8 **SECTION 1.1.**

9 Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) and the introductory
 10 language of subsection (e) of Code Section 21-5-34, relating to disclosure reports, as follows:

11 "(a)(1)(A) The candidate or the chairperson or treasurer of each campaign committee
 12 organized to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate for any office, except
 13 county and municipal offices, ~~or the General Assembly~~ and the chairperson or treasurer
 14 of every campaign committee designed to bring about the recall of a public officer or
 15 to oppose the recall of a public officer or designed to bring about the approval or
 16 rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, state-wide proposed
 17 question, or state-wide referendum shall sign and file with the commission the required
 18 campaign contribution disclosure reports. ~~A candidate for membership in the General~~
 19 ~~Assembly or the chairperson or treasurer of such candidate's campaign committee shall~~
 20 ~~file such candidate's reports with the commission and a copy of such report with the~~
 21 ~~election superintendent of the county of such candidate's residence."~~

22 "(e) Any person who makes contributions to, accepts contributions for, or makes
 23 expenditures on behalf of candidates, and any independent committee, shall file a
 24 registration with the commission in the same manner as is required of campaign
 25 committees prior to accepting or making contributions or expenditures. Such persons,
 26 other than independent committees, shall also file campaign contribution disclosure reports
 27 in the same places and at the same times as required of the candidates they are supporting;
 28 ~~but such persons shall not be required to file copies of campaign contribution disclosure~~
 29 ~~reports with local election superintendents as is required of candidates for membership in~~
 30 ~~the General Assembly.~~ The following persons shall be exempt from the foregoing
 31 registration and reporting requirements:"

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SECTION 1.2.

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Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-34.1, relating to filing campaign contribution disclosure reports electronically, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

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~~"(e) When campaign contribution disclosure reports are filed electronically as provided in subsections (a) through (d) of this Code section, the filer shall only submit to the commission a notarized affidavit certifying that the electronic filing is correct by United States mail, with adequate postage affixed. The electronic filing of any campaign contribution disclosure report required under this article shall constitute an affirmation that the report is true, complete, and correct."~~

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SECTION 2.1.

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Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-50, relating to filing of financial disclosure statements by public officers and candidates, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

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~~"(e) Where the financial disclosure statements required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section are filed electronically, the public officer, as that term is defined in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3, shall file a notarized affidavit certifying that the electronic filing is correct and no paper copy of the financial disclosure statement shall be required to be filed. The electronic filing of any financial disclosure statement required under this article shall constitute an affirmation that the statement is true, complete, and correct."~~

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Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-51, relating to verification of financial disclosure statements, as follows:

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The financial disclosure statements required under this article shall be verified by oath or affirmation of the public officer filing the statement, such oath or affirmation to be taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths, unless filed electronically in which case the electronic filing shall constitute an affirmation that the statement is true, complete, and correct."

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