

Senate Bill 107

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, McKoon of the 29th and Kirk of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics
2 in government, so as to revise the dates for the filing campaign financial disclosure reports
3 to include an additional date prior to the general primary; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in
8 government, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-5-34, relating to
9 disclosure reports, as follows:

10 "(c) Candidates or campaign committees which accept contributions, make expenditures
11 designed to bring about the nomination or election of a candidate, or have filed a
12 declaration of intention to accept campaign contributions pursuant to subsection (g) of
13 Code Section 21-5-30 shall file campaign contribution disclosure reports in compliance
14 with the following schedule:

15 (1) In each nonelection year on January 31 and June 30;

16 (2) In each election year:

17 (A) On January 31, March 31, May 10, June 30, September 30, and October 25, ~~and~~
18 ~~December 31~~;

19 (B) Six days before any run-off primary or election in which the candidate is listed on
20 the ballot; and

21 (C) During the period of time between the last report due prior to the date of any
22 election for which the candidate is qualified and the date of such election, all
23 contributions of \$1,000.00 or more shall be reported within two business days of receipt
24 and also reported on the next succeeding regularly scheduled campaign contribution
25 disclosure report;

26 (3) If the candidate is a candidate in a special primary or special primary runoff, 15 days
27 prior to the special primary and six days prior to the special primary runoff; and

28 (4) If the candidate is a candidate in a special election or special election runoff, 15 days
29 prior to the special election and six days prior to the special election runoff.
30 All persons or entities required to file reports shall have a five-day grace period in filing
31 the required reports, except that the grace period shall be two days for required reports
32 prior to run-off primaries or run-off elections, and no grace period shall apply to
33 contributions required to be reported within two business days. Reports required to be filed
34 within two business days of a contribution shall be reported by facsimile or electronic
35 transmission. Any facsimile filing shall also have an identical electronic filing within five
36 business days following the transmission of such facsimile filing. Each report required in
37 the election year shall contain cumulative totals of all contributions which have been
38 received and all expenditures which have been made in support of the campaign in question
39 and which are required, or previously have been required, to be reported."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.