



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 17

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Rohl**

1 **An Act to clarify when a political committee must file certain campaign finance**
 2 **disclosure statements.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 12-27-22 be AMENDED:**

5 **12-27-22.** ~~A~~ The treasurer of a political committee listed below shall file a
 6 campaign finance disclosure statement shall be submitted to or a report with the secretary
 7 of state. The treasurer of each as follows:

8 (1) ~~Candidate or~~ For a candidate or candidate campaign committee for any statewide
 9 office ~~shall~~ file a pre-primary, pre-general, year-end, and, if applicable,
 10 supplemental report and amendments in even numbered years. ~~In and in~~ odd
 11 numbered years shall file a year-end report and, if applicable, amendments. ~~A~~
 12 ~~termination report may be submitted at any time;~~

13 (2) ~~All candidates running~~ For a candidate or candidate campaign committee for a
 14 legislative or county office with a recognized political party ~~shall~~ file a pre-primary
 15 report if there is any primary race for that particular office in the legislative district
 16 or county, and all candidates or candidate campaign committees for a legislative
 17 or county office shall file a pre-general, year-end and, if applicable, supplemental
 18 report and amendments in even numbered years. ~~A termination report may be~~
 19 ~~submitted at any time;~~

20 (3) ~~Statewide~~ For a statewide political action committee ~~shall~~ file a pre-primary, pre-
 21 general, year-end, and, if applicable, supplemental report and amendments in even
 22 numbered years. ~~In and in~~ odd numbered years shall file a year-end ~~or~~ report and,
 23 if applicable, amendments. ~~A termination report may be submitted at any time;~~

24 (4) ~~Statewide~~ For a statewide political party ~~shall~~ file a pre-primary, pre-general,
 25 year-end and, if applicable, supplemental report and amendments in even
 26 numbered years. ~~In and in~~ odd numbered years shall file a year-end or

1 amendments, if applicable. ~~A termination report may be submitted at any time. A~~
 2 political party that loses its status as a qualified party shall file a termination
 3 statement by 5:00 p.m. central time the last Friday in January following the
 4 calendar year in which qualified party status was lost;

5 (5) ~~County~~ For a county political party and auxiliary organization shall file a pre-
 6 general and, if applicable, supplemental report and amendments in even numbered
 7 years. ~~A termination report may be submitted at any time; and~~

8 (6) ~~Statewide~~ For a statewide ballot question committee shall file a pre-primary, pre-
 9 general, year-end and, if applicable, supplemental report and amendments in even
 10 numbered years. ~~In and in~~ odd numbered years shall file a year-end and, if
 11 applicable, amendments. ~~A termination report may be submitted at any time. If a~~
 12 statewide ballot question committee does not list any activity on the next required
 13 campaign finance report submitted to the secretary of state, that committee has
 14 until the next reporting period to report activity. If that committee does not have
 15 any activity to report by the next reporting period, the committee shall submit a
 16 termination report by that reporting period deadline.

17 ~~A campaign finance disclosure statement shall be submitted to the secretary of~~
 18 state by the treasurer of each committee who shall file the following financial disclosure
 19 reports in accordance with the time frames stated in this chapter: pre-primary, pre-
 20 general, year-end, amendment, supplemental, and a termination when a committee is
 21 terminating its existence. The treasurer of a political committee listed in this section may
 22 submit a termination report at any time.

23 If a political party loses the status of a qualified party, the party must file a
 24 termination report by five p.m. central time on the last Friday in January following the
 25 calendar year in which the qualified party status was lost. If a statewide ballot question
 26 committee does not list any activity on the next required campaign finance report
 27 submitted to the secretary of state, that committee has until the next reporting period to
 28 report activity. If that committee does not have any activity to report by the next reporting
 29 period, the committee must submit a termination report by that reporting period deadline.

30 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within
 31 a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.