

1 (2) The clerk of the county commission by candidates for
2 offices to be nominated or elected by the voters of a single county
3 or a political division within a single county; or

4 (3) The proper municipal officer by candidates for office to
5 be nominated or elected to municipal office.

6 (b) The statements ~~may shall~~ be ~~filed by mail, in person, or~~
7 ~~by facsimile or other electronic means of transmission: Provided,~~
8 ~~That the financial statements filed by or on behalf of candidates~~
9 ~~for Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor,~~
10 ~~Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Supreme Court of Appeals~~
11 ~~shall be~~ filed electronically by the means of an Internet program
12 to be established by the Secretary of State on forms or in a format
13 prescribed by the Secretary of State: Provided, That a committee
14 may apply for an exemption, in case of hardship, pursuant to
15 subsection (c) of this section.

16 (c) Committees required to report electronically may apply to
17 the State Election Commission for an exemption from mandatory
18 electronic filing in the case of hardship. An exemption may be
19 granted at the discretion of the State Election Commission.

20 (d) For purposes of this article, the filing date of a
21 financial statement shall, in the case of mailing, be the date of
22 the postmark of the United States Postal Service, and in the case
23 of hand delivery or delivery by facsimile or other electronic means
24 of transmission, the date delivered to the office of the Secretary

1 of State or to the office of the clerk of the county commission, in
2 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
3 during regular business hours of such office.

4 (e) The sworn financial statements required to be filed by
5 this section with the Secretary of State shall be posted on the
6 Internet by the Secretary of State within ten business days from
7 the date the financial statement was filed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require financial disclosure forms to be filed with the Secretary of State electronically; committees claiming hardship could request an exemption.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.