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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-947.9 and 24.2-948 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance disclosure; required special reports of certain large contributions.

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-947.9 and 24.2-948 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-947.9. Special report required of certain large pre-election contributions.

A. Any contribution reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the first report required by this article after any election.

B. Except as provided in subsection C, any single contribution of \$5,000 or more for a statewide office, \$1,000 or more for the General Assembly, or \$500 or more for any other office, knowingly received or reported by the candidate or his treasurer on behalf of his candidacy (i) on and after the twelfth day preceding a primary and before the primary date, (ii) on and after the twelfth day preceding a general election and before the general election date, or (iii) on and after the eleventh day preceding any other election in which the individual is a candidate and before the election day, shall be reported in writing as provided in §§ 24.2-947.4 and 24.2-947.5 or electronically pursuant to § 24.2-946.1, and the report shall be received by the State Board or local electoral board, as appropriate, by 5:00 p.m. on the following day or for a contribution received on a Saturday by 5:00 p.m. on the following Monday. However, any such contribution received within the 24 hours prior to the election day shall be reported and a report thereof received on the day prior to the election.

C. The reports required by subsection B of this section shall also be required of any candidate for nomination by a political party to serve as the party's nominee in a general or special election if (i) the party nominates by convention or any method other than a primary and (ii) there are at least two candidates for nomination pursuant to the rules and procedures of the party. In such case, candidates for nomination shall be required to file the reports required by subsection B for the 12-day or 11-day period, as specified by subsection B, immediately preceding:

1. The caucus, mass meeting, convention, or other nominating event at which the party's nomination shall be finally determined pursuant to the rules and procedures of the party; and

2. Any caucus, mass meeting, convention, or other nominating event, other than that at which the party's nomination shall be finally determined, at which delegates are chosen who are pledged to support a specified candidate on at least one ballot at a subsequent district or state convention required as part of the nominating process.

D. No report shall be required pursuant to subsection C if the candidate is or has become, by virtue of the withdrawal of any opponent or the operation of the rules and procedures of the party, unopposed for nomination at the time such report otherwise would be required to be made.

§ 24.2-948. Special reports required of certain large contributions received by members of county boards of supervisors and city and town councils.

A. Any contribution reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the next report required by this article.

B. The campaign committee of any incumbent member of a county board of supervisors or city or town council shall report as required by this section any single contribution of \$500 or more knowingly received by the member's campaign committee during any year other than the election year for his office. The receipt of the contribution shall be reported in writing as provided in §§ 24.2-947.4 and 24.2-947.5 or electronically pursuant to § 24.2-946.1, and the report shall be received by the local electoral board by the end of the fifteenth business day following receipt of the contribution. The campaign committee of a member of a county board of supervisors or city or town council shall file the reports required by this section with the electoral board of the locality where the incumbent member resides. Any contribution reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the first periodic report required by this article following receipt of the contribution.

C. The report shall be on a form prescribed by the State Board and shall include (i) the name of the contributor, the address of the contributor, and the amount of the contribution; (ii) for each such individual contributor, the occupation of the contributor, the name of his employer or principal business, and the locality where employed or where his business is located; and (iii) for each such contributor,

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