

HOUSE BILL No. 4705

May 2, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"
by amending section 18 (MCL 169.218), as amended by 2006 PA 89.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 18. (1) The secretary of state shall develop and
2 implement an electronic filing and internet disclosure system that
3 permits committees that are required to file statements or reports
4 under this act with the secretary of state to file those statements
5 or reports electronically and that provides internet disclosure of
6 electronically filed statements or reports on a website.

7 (2) The secretary of state shall offer each committee required
8 to file with the secretary of state the option of filing campaign
9 statements or reports electronically, as described in subsection
10 (1).

11 (3) Beginning with the annual campaign statement due January

1 31, 2004, each committee required to file with the secretary of
2 state that received or expended \$20,000.00 or more in the preceding
3 calendar year or expects to receive or expend \$20,000.00 or more in
4 the current calendar year shall electronically file all statements
5 and reports required under this act, as described in subsection
6 (1).

7 (4) If a committee was not required to file a campaign
8 statement under subsection (3) only because it did not meet the
9 applicable threshold of receiving or expending \$20,000.00 or more,
10 but the committee later reaches that threshold, the committee shall
11 notify the secretary of state within 10 business days after
12 reaching that threshold and shall subsequently file electronically
13 all statements and reports required under this act.

14 (5) The secretary of state shall permit a committee to
15 electronically file statements and reports required under this act,
16 as described in subsection (1), except an original statement of
17 organization, after the committee treasurer and, for a candidate
18 committee, the candidate has signed and filed a form designed by
19 the secretary of state to serve as the signature verifying the
20 accuracy and completeness of each statement or report filed
21 electronically.

22 **(6) A LOAN FROM A CANDIDATE TO THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE OR**
23 **THE EXPENDITURE BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE MONEY LOANED BY THE**
24 **CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE**
25 **COMMITTEE HAS REACHED A THRESHOLD UNDER THIS SECTION.**