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Donahue of Northfield, McFaun of Barre Town, and Stevens of  
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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; campaign finance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to revise  
Vermont's campaign finance laws.

An act relating to a revision of Vermont's campaign finance laws

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. REPEAL

17 V.S.A. chapter 59 (campaign finance) is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17 V.S.A. chapter 61 is added to read:

CHAPTER 61. CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

§ 2901. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Candidate" means an individual who has taken affirmative action to  
become a candidate for state, county, local, or legislative office in a primary.

1 special, general, or local election. An affirmative action shall include one or  
2 more of the following:

3 (A) accepting contributions or making expenditures totaling \$500.00  
4 or more;

5 (B) filing the requisite petition for nomination under this title or  
6 being nominated by primary or caucus; or

7 (C) publicly announcing that he or she seeks an elected position as a  
8 state, county, or local officer or a position as Representative or Senator in the  
9 General Assembly.

10 (2) "Clearly identified," with respect to a candidate, means that:

11 (A) the name of the candidate appears;

12 (B) a photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or

13 (C) the identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous  
14 reference.

15 (3) "Contribution" means a payment, distribution, advance, deposit,  
16 loan, or gift of money or anything of value paid or promised to be paid to a  
17 person for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on a  
18 public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates in any  
19 election. For purposes of this chapter, "contribution" shall not include any of  
20 the following:

1           (A) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending  
2           institution made in the ordinary course of business;

3           (B) services provided without compensation by individuals  
4           volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or  
5           political party;

6           (C) unreimbursed travel expenses incurred within the State of  
7           Vermont and paid for by an individual who volunteers personal services to a  
8           candidate, if the cumulative amount of these expenses does not exceed \$500.00  
9           per election;

10           (D) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses incurred within  
11           the State of Vermont and paid for by the candidate or the candidate's spouse or  
12           civil union partner;

13           (E) the payment by a political party of the costs of preparation,  
14           display, mailing, or other distribution of a party candidate listing;

15           (F) documents, in printed or electronic form, including party  
16           platforms, single copies of issue papers, information pertaining to the  
17           requirements of this title, lists of registered voters, and voter identification  
18           information created, obtained, or maintained by a political party for the general  
19           purpose of party building and provided to a candidate who is a member of that  
20           party or to another political party;

1           (G) compensation paid by a political party to its employees whose  
2 job responsibilities are not for the specific and exclusive benefit of a single  
3 candidate in any election;

4           (H) campaign training sessions provided to three or more candidates;

5           (I) costs paid for by a political party in connection with a campaign  
6 event at which three or more candidates are present;

7           (J) the use of offices, telephones, computers, and similar equipment  
8 when that use does not result in additional cost to the provider; or

9           (K) activity or communication designed to encourage individuals to  
10 register to vote or to vote, if that activity or communication does not mention  
11 or depict a clearly identified candidate.

12           (4) "Election" means the procedure whereby the voters of this State or  
13 any of its political subdivisions select a person to be a candidate for public  
14 office or to fill a public office or to act on public questions, including voting on  
15 constitutional amendments. Each primary, general, special, run-off, or local  
16 election shall constitute a separate election.

17           (5) "Electioneering communication" means any communication that  
18 refers to a clearly identified candidate for office and that promotes or supports  
19 a candidate for that office, or attacks or opposes a candidate for that office,  
20 regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a vote for or  
21 against a candidate, including communications published in any newspaper or

1 periodical or broadcast on radio or television or over any public address  
2 system, placed on any billboards, outdoor facilities, buttons, or printed material  
3 attached to motor vehicles, window displays, posters, cards, pamphlets,  
4 leaflets, flyers, or other circulars, or in any direct mailing, robotic telephone  
5 calls, or mass e-mails

6 (6) “Expenditure” means a payment, disbursement, distribution,  
7 advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value paid or promised  
8 to be paid for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on a  
9 public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates. For the  
10 purposes of this chapter, “expenditure” shall not include any of the following:

11 (A) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending  
12 institution made in the ordinary course of business;

13 (B) services provided without compensation by individuals  
14 volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or  
15 political party;

16 (C) unreimbursed travel expenses incurred within the State of  
17 Vermont and paid for by an individual who volunteers personal services to a  
18 candidate, if the cumulative amount of these expenses does not exceed \$500.00  
19 per election; or

1           (D) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses incurred within  
2 the State of Vermont and paid for by the candidate or the candidate's spouse or  
3 civil union partner.

4           (7) "Full name" means a person's full first name, middle name or initial,  
5 if any, and full legal last name, making the identity of the person who made the  
6 contribution apparent by unambiguous reference.

7           (8) "General election cycle" means the period that begins 38 days after a  
8 general election and ends 37 days after the following general election.

9           (9) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is intended to  
10 promote the election of a specific candidate or group of candidates or the  
11 defeat of an opposing candidate or group of candidates if not intentionally  
12 facilitated by, solicited by, or approved by the candidate or the candidate's  
13 agent or political committee or a political party.

14           (10) "Mass media activity" means any communication that includes the  
15 name or likeness of a clearly identified candidate for office, including a  
16 television commercial, radio commercial, mass mailing, mass electronic or  
17 digital communication, literature drop, newspaper and periodical  
18 advertisement, robotic telephone call, and telephone bank.

19           (11) "Party candidate listing" means any communication by a political  
20 party that:

1           (A) lists the names of at least three candidates for election to public  
2 office;

3           (B) is distributed through public advertising such as broadcast  
4 stations, cable television, newspapers, and similar media, or through direct  
5 mail, telephone, electronic mail, publicly accessible sites on the Internet, or  
6 personal delivery;

7           (C) treats all candidates in the communication in a substantially  
8 similar manner; and

9           (D) is substantially limited to:

10           (i) the identification of each candidate, with which pictures may  
11 be used;

12           (ii) the offices sought;

13           (iii) the offices currently held by the candidates;

14           (iv) the party affiliation of the candidates and a brief statement  
15 about the party or the candidates' positions, philosophy, goals,  
16 accomplishments, or biographies;

17           (v) encouragement to vote for the candidates identified; and

18           (vi) information about voting, such as voting hours and locations.

19           (12) "Political committee" means any formal or informal committee of  
20 two or more individuals or a corporation, labor organization, public interest  
21 group, or other entity, not including a political party, which receives

1 contributions of more than \$500.00 and makes expenditures of more than  
2 \$500.00 in any one calendar year for the purpose of supporting or opposing  
3 one or more candidates, influencing an election, or advocating a position on a  
4 public question in any election or affecting the outcome of an election and  
5 includes what is sometimes referred to as a “political action committee.”

6 (13) “Political party” means a political party organized under chapter 45  
7 of this title and any committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled  
8 by the party, including any subsidiary, branch, or local unit thereof and  
9 including any national or regional affiliate of the party, each of which shall be  
10 considered a separate party.

11 (14) “Public question” means an issue that is before the voters for a  
12 binding or advisory decision.

13 (15) “Reporting period” means that period of time from the end of the  
14 period covered by a candidate’s or organization’s most recent campaign  
15 finance report to 72 hours before the close of business on the day that the next  
16 campaign finance report is due.

17 (16) “Single source” means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
18 association, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons  
19 which is not a political committee or political party.



1           (17) “Telephone bank” means more than 500 telephone calls of an  
2           identical or substantially similar nature that are made to the general public  
3           within any 30-day period.

4           § 2902. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR COORDINATED EXPENDITURES

5           (a) A coordinated campaign expenditure made on a candidate’s behalf shall  
6           be considered a contribution to the candidate on whose behalf it was made.

7           (b) For the purposes of this section, a “coordinated campaign expenditure  
8           made on the candidate’s behalf” means any expenditure intended to promote  
9           the election of a specific candidate or group of candidates or the defeat of an  
10           opposing candidate or group of candidates if intentionally facilitated by,  
11           solicited by, or approved by the candidate, the candidate’s agent, or the  
12           candidate’s committee.

13           (c)(1) An expenditure made by a political party or by a political committee  
14           that recruits or endorses candidates that primarily benefits six or fewer  
15           candidates who are associated with the political party or political committee  
16           making the expenditure is presumed to be a coordinated expenditure made on  
17           behalf of those candidates.

18           (2) An expenditure made by a political party or by a political committee  
19           that recruits or endorses candidates that substantially benefits more than six  
20           candidates and facilitates party or political committee functions, voter turnout,  
21           platform promotion, or organizational capacity shall be presumed not to be a

1 coordinated expenditure made on a candidate's behalf. In addition, an  
2 expenditure shall not be considered a "coordinated campaign expenditure made  
3 on the candidate's behalf" if both of the following apply:

4 (A) The expenditure was made in connection with a campaign event  
5 whose purpose was to provide a group of voters with the opportunity to meet  
6 the candidate personally.

7 (B) The expenditure was made only for refreshments and related  
8 supplies that were consumed at that event.

9 (3) For the purposes of this section, a "coordinated campaign  
10 expenditure made on the candidate's behalf" does not mean:

11 (A) the cost of invitations and postage and of food and beverages  
12 voluntarily provided by an individual in conjunction with an opportunity for a  
13 group of voters to meet a candidate; or

14 (B) the sale of any food or beverage by a vendor at a charge less than  
15 the normal comparable charge for use at a campaign event providing an  
16 opportunity for a group of voters to meet a candidate if the charge to the  
17 candidate is at least equal to the cost of the food or beverages to the vendor.

18 (d)(1) A candidate may seek a determination that an expenditure is a  
19 coordinated expenditure made on behalf of an opposing candidate by filing a  
20 petition with the superior court of the county in which either candidate resides.

1           (2) Within 24 hours of the filing of a petition, the court shall schedule  
2 the petition for hearing. Except as to cases the court considers of greater  
3 importance, proceedings before the superior court, as authorized by this section  
4 and appeals therefrom take precedence on the docket over all cases and shall  
5 be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date  
6 and expedited in every way.

7           (3) The findings and determination of the court shall be prima facie  
8 evidence in any proceedings brought for violation of this chapter.

9           (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to administer the  
10 provisions of this section.

11 § 2903. CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND TREASURERS; REGISTRATION;  
12 CANDIDATES, POLITICAL COMMITTEES, AND POLITICAL  
13 PARTIES

14           (a) Each candidate who has made expenditures or received contributions in  
15 an aggregate amount of \$500.00 or more, and each political committee, shall  
16 be subject to the following requirements:

17           (1) All expenditures shall be paid by check from a single checking  
18 account in a single bank publicly designated by the candidate or political  
19 committee.

1           (2) Each candidate and each political committee shall name a treasurer,  
2           who may be the candidate or the candidate's spouse or civil union partner, who  
3           is responsible for maintaining the checking account.

4           (b) Within ten days of reaching the \$500.00 threshold, each candidate, each  
5           political committee, and each political party which has accepted contributions  
6           or made expenditures of \$500.00 or more shall register with the Secretary of  
7           State, stating the candidate's or the organization's full name and address, the  
8           name of the treasurer, and the name of the bank in which the candidate or  
9           organization maintains the campaign checking account.

10           § 2904. FORM OF MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

11           All monetary contributions in excess of \$50.00 shall be made by check.

12           § 2905. SURPLUS CAMPAIGN FUNDS; CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL  
13           COMMITTEES

14           (a) A member of a political committee which has surplus funds after all  
15           campaign debts have been paid shall not convert the surplus to personal use.

16           (b) A candidate who has surplus funds after all campaign debts have been  
17           paid shall not convert the surplus to personal use other than to reduce personal  
18           campaign debts.

19           (c) Surplus funds in a political committee's or candidate's account after  
20           payment of all campaign debts may be contributed to other candidates,  
21           political parties, political committees, or to a charity.

1     § 2906. CAMPAIGN DATABASE; CANDIDATE INFORMATION

2             PUBLICATION

3             (a) Campaign database. For each general election cycle, the Secretary of  
4             State shall develop and continually update a publicly accessible campaign  
5             database, which shall be made available to the public through the Vermont  
6             State Government home page online service or through printed reports from  
7             the Secretary in response to a public request within 14 days of the date of the  
8             request. The database shall contain:

9                 (1) any campaign finance report submitted pursuant to the requirements  
10             of this chapter;

11                 (2) any campaign finance report filed by a candidate for federal  
12             office; and

13                 (3) any photographs, biographical sketches, and position statements  
14             submitted to the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

15             (b) Candidate information publication.

16                 (1) Any candidate for statewide office and any candidate for federal  
17             office qualified to be on the ballot in this state may submit to the Secretary of  
18             State a photograph, biographical sketch, and position statement of a length and  
19             format specified by the Secretary for the purposes of preparing a candidate  
20             information publication.

1           (2) Without making changes in the material presented, the Secretary  
2           shall prepare a candidate information publication for statewide distribution  
3           prior to the general election, which shall include the candidates' photographs,  
4           biographies, and position statements and a brief explanation of the process  
5           used to obtain candidate submissions.

6           (3) The Secretary shall prepare, publish, and distribute the candidate  
7           information publication throughout the State no later than one week prior to  
8           the general election. The Secretary shall also seek voluntary distribution of the  
9           candidate information publication in weekly and daily newspapers and other  
10           publications in the State. The Secretary shall also make the candidate  
11           information publication available in large type, audiotape, and Internet  
12           versions.

13           § 2907. ADMINISTRATION OF CHAPTER

14           The Secretary of State shall administer this chapter and shall perform all  
15           duties required under this chapter. The Secretary may employ or contract for  
16           the services of persons necessary for the performance of these duties.

17           § 2908. PENALTIES

18           (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter shall be fined not  
19           more than \$2,500.00 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

20           (b) A person who refuses or neglects for five days or more to file a  
21           campaign finance report after being notified by any person that a required

1 report is overdue, or who knowingly and intentionally submits false or  
2 misleading information on a campaign finance report shall be fined not more  
3 than \$10,000.00 or imprisoned not more than two years and one day, or both.

4 (c) A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a  
5 civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation.

6 (d) In addition to the other penalties provided in this section, a state's  
7 attorney or the Attorney General may institute any appropriate action,  
8 injunction, or other proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any  
9 violation of this chapter.

#### 10 Subchapter 2. Reporting Requirements

#### 11 § 2921. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

12 (a)(1) The Secretary of State shall provide on the online campaign database  
13 set forth in section 2906 of this chapter a form for any report required by this  
14 chapter and shall provide digital access on the database to any form he or she  
15 provides. Digital access shall enable any person required to file a report under  
16 this chapter to file the report securely by completing and submitting the report  
17 to the Secretary of State online.

18 (2) The online database shall enable a person filing a report to save on  
19 the database a username and password and any registration information  
20 required by this chapter in order to allow that person to use that username and

1 password to log in to the database to update required information and file any  
2 report required by this chapter.

3 (b) Any person required to file a report with the Secretary of State under  
4 this chapter shall file the report digitally on the online database.

5 (c) The Secretary shall maintain on the online database reports that have  
6 been filed so that any person may have direct machine-readable electronic  
7 access to the individual data elements in each report and may search the  
8 database by those data elements as soon as a report is filed.

9 § 2922. FORM OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT

10 (a) The Secretary of State shall prescribe and provide a uniform reporting  
11 form for all campaign finance reports. The reporting form shall be designed to  
12 show at least the following information:

13 (1) the balance of cash on hand brought forward from the most recent  
14 campaign finance report;

15 (2) for any contribution in excess of \$100.00, the full name, town of  
16 residence, and mailing address of each contributor, a hyperlink to any website  
17 address of any organizational contributor, the date of the contribution, and the  
18 amount of the contribution;

19 (3) for any contribution of \$100.00 or less, the total amount of the  
20 contribution and the total number of all such contributions;

21 (4) the amount, date, to whom paid, and purpose of an expenditure;



1           (5) the amount contributed or lent by the candidate to his or her own  
2 campaign;

3           (6) the amount, date incurred, to whom owed, and purpose of a debt or  
4 other obligation incurred; and

5           (7) the balance of cash on hand as of the close of the applicable  
6 reporting period.

7           (b) In addition to the reporting requirements set forth in subsection (a) of  
8 this section, a political committee shall also be required to report:

9           (1) if the committee has a board of directors or other governing body,  
10 the names of the natural persons serving on that board or body; or

11           (2) if the committee does not have a board of directors or other  
12 governing body, the name of the natural person who had the authority to make  
13 the contribution on behalf of the committee.

14           (c) The form shall require the reporting of all contributions and  
15 expenditures accepted or spent during the applicable reporting period and  
16 during the campaign to date, and shall require full disclosure of the manner in  
17 which any indebtedness is discharged or forgiven. Contributions and  
18 expenditures for the reporting period and for the campaign to date also shall be  
19 totaled in an appropriate place on the form.

1     § 2923. SCHEDULE OF FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS;

2             CANDIDATES, POLITICAL COMMITTEES, AND POLITICAL  
3             PARTIES

4             (a) Each candidate for state or county office, each candidate for the General  
5             Assembly, each political committee, and each political party required to  
6             register under section 2903 of this title shall file the information required under  
7             section 2922 of this title with the Secretary of State by filing the information  
8             on the Secretary's website not later than:

9                 (1) in any year which is not an election year for the office for which a  
10             candidate is running, or for each political committee and each political party,  
11             in each year in which there is not a general election, the 15th day of March,  
12             June, September, and December; and

13                 (2) in any year which is an election year for the office for which a  
14             candidate is running, or for each political committee and each political party,  
15             in each year in which there is a general election:

16                     (A) the 15th day of each month from January through June;

17                     (B) the first and 15th days of July, August, and September;

18                     (C) the first, 11th, 21st, and 31st days of October;

19                     (D) the 20th day of November; and

20                     (E) the 41st day after the general election.

1       (b) Each candidate for local office, each political committee, and each  
2       political party required to register under section 2903 of this title which has  
3       accepted contributions or made expenditures of \$500.00 or more for the  
4       purpose of influencing a local election or supporting or opposing one or more  
5       candidates in a local election shall file the information required under section  
6       2922 of this title, in addition to other filings required by this chapter, ten days  
7       before and ten days after the local election with the clerk of the municipality in  
8       which the election is held and with the Secretary of State.

9       § 2924. FINAL REPORTS; CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE, THE

10       GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COUNTY OFFICE AND

11       POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL PARTIES

12       (a) At any time, but not later than 41 days following the general election, a  
13       candidate for state office, county office, or for the General Assembly who has  
14       made expenditures or received contributions of \$500.00 or more shall file with  
15       the Secretary of State a “final report,” which shall constitute the termination of  
16       his or her campaign activities for that general election cycle. The report shall  
17       provide an update of all contributions and expenditures and disclose the  
18       amount of any surplus campaign funds and how they have been or will be  
19       liquidated.

20       (b) A political committee or political party shall file a campaign finance  
21       report not later than 41 days following the general election. At any time, a

1 political committee or a political party may file a “final report,” which shall  
2 constitute the termination of its campaign activities for that general election  
3 cycle. The report shall provide an update of all contributions and expenditures  
4 and disclose the amount of any surplus campaign funds and how they have  
5 been or will be liquidated.

6 § 2925. NEW CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS; FINAL REPORT

7 A candidate who chooses to open a new campaign account for public office  
8 may close out his or her former campaign by filing a final report with the  
9 Secretary of State, converting all debts and assets to the new campaign. This  
10 final report shall disclose all contributions and expenditures and the disposition  
11 of all debts and assets attributable to the former campaign as of the date of the  
12 filing of the final report.

13 § 2926. REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

14 (a) Any person that makes independent expenditures of more than \$500.00  
15 in any one calendar year for the purpose of influencing a primary or general  
16 election, supporting or opposing one or more candidates in a primary or  
17 general election, advocating a position on a public question in any election, or  
18 affecting the outcome of an election on a public question shall file a report of  
19 its expenditures as follows:

20 (1) within 48 hours of any independent expenditure made more than 90  
21 days before a primary or general election;

1           (2) within 24 hours of any independent expenditure made 90 or fewer  
2 days before a primary or general election.

3           (b) The person shall provide the following information:

4           (1)(A) if the person who made the expenditure is a natural person, his or  
5 her name and town and state of residence;

6           (B) if the person who made the expenditure is not a natural person,  
7 the person's name, town, and state of residence and a hyperlink to any website  
8 address of that person, and:

9           (i) the name of the natural person who had the authority to make  
10 the expenditures on behalf of the person; and

11           (ii)(I) in the case of tax-exempt groups organized under Section  
12 501(c) or 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, a listing of the five people or  
13 entities making the largest reportable contributions during the previous 12  
14 months; or

15           (II) in the case of any other person which has a chief executive  
16 officer or equivalent officer, the name of that officer; and

17           (2) the identification of any candidate the expenditure supports or  
18 opposes.

19           (c) The natural person who had authority to make the expenditure on behalf  
20 of the person shall certify that the expenditure is an independent expenditure.

1     § 2927. REPORT OF MASS MEDIA ACTIVITY EXPENDITURES

2     In addition to any other reports required to be filed under this chapter, a  
3     person who makes expenditures for any one mass media activity totaling  
4     \$500.00 or more within 90 days of a primary or general election shall, for each  
5     activity, file a mass media report with the Secretary of State and send a copy of  
6     the mass media report to each candidate whose name or likeness is included in  
7     the activity within 24 hours of the expenditure or activity, whichever occurs  
8     first. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be treated as having made  
9     an expenditure if the person has executed a contract to make the expenditure.

10    The report shall identify the following information:

11         (1)(A) if the person who made the expenditure is a natural person, his or  
12         her name;

13         (B) if the person who made the expenditure is not a natural person,  
14         that person's name; and:

15                 (i) if that person has a board of directors or other governing body,  
16                 the names of the natural persons serving on that board or body; or

17                 (ii) if that person does not have a board of directors or other  
18                 governing body, the name of the natural person who had the authority to make  
19                 the contribution on behalf of that person.

20         (2) the name of the candidate involved in the activity; and

1           (3) any other information relating to the expenditure that is required to  
2 be disclosed under the provisions of sections 2922 and 2941 of this chapter.

3                   Subchapter 3. Disclaimers in Political Advertisements

4           § 2941. REQUIRED DISCLAIMER INFORMATION IN  
5                   ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS

6           (a) An electioneering communication shall contain the name and address of  
7 the person, political committee, or campaign who or which paid for the  
8 communication. The communication shall clearly designate the name of the  
9 candidate, party, or political committee by or on whose behalf the same is  
10 published or broadcast.

11           (b) If the electioneering communication was made pursuant to an  
12 independent expenditure, it shall also contain the following information:

13                   (1) the name of the natural person who was authorized to make the  
14 communication and his or her town and state of residence;

15                   (2) a statement by that natural person that the communication was made  
16 independent of any candidate or political party; and

17                   (3)(A) in the case of tax-exempt groups organized under Section 501(c)  
18 or 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, a listing of the five people or entities  
19 making the largest reportable contributions during the previous 12 months; or

20                   (B) in the case of any other single source which has a chief executive  
21 officer or equivalent officer, the name of that officer.





1 Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 586 is amended to read:

2 § 586. APPLICATION

3 The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to funds established to  
4 account for proceeds from the sale of bonds, to the ~~general fund~~ General Fund,  
5 the ~~transportation fund~~ Transportation Fund, the ~~fish and wildlife fund~~ Fish  
6 and Wildlife Fund, the ~~tobacco litigation settlement fund~~ Tobacco Litigation  
7 Settlement Fund, or to any federal revenue funds, trust funds, enterprise funds,  
8 internal service funds, or agency funds, or to public service enterprise funds  
9 established to implement provisions of sections 30 V.S.A. §§ 211 and 212a  
10 through 212f of Title 30; the budget stabilization reserves created by sections  
11 308 and 308a of this title; the ~~low level radioactive waste fund~~ Low-Level  
12 Radioactive Waste Fund created by section 10 V.S.A. § 7013 of Title 10; the  
13 ~~Vermont campaign fund created by section 2856 of Title 17~~; the ~~lands and~~  
14 ~~facilities trust fund~~ Lands and Facilities Trust Fund created by section 3 V.S.A.  
15 § 2807 of Title 3; the ~~education fund~~ Education Fund created by section  
16 16 V.S.A. § 4025 of Title 16; or the ~~Vermont housing and conservation trust~~  
17 ~~fund~~ Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund created by section  
18 10 V.S.A. § 312 of Title 10.

19 Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION

20 The amount of \$XXX,XXX.xx is appropriated to the Office of the Secretary  
21 of State from the Vermont Campaign Fund created by 17 V.S.A. § 2856 for the

1 purpose of establishing the digital filing of campaign finance reports and direct  
2 machine-readable electronic access to the individual data elements in each  
3 report as required by Sec. 2, 17 V.S.A. § 2921, of this act.

4 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.