

**HB0138/685069/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 138

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Additional” in line 2 down through “Required” in line 3 and substitute “Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements”; in line 4, after “of” insert “exempting a ballot issue committee from certain requirements to file a campaign finance report if the responsible officers of the ballot issue committee file a certain affidavit stating that the ballot issue committee will not or has not raised contributions or made expenditures of more than a certain amount;”; strike beginning with “the” in line 6 down through “committee” in line 7 and substitute “campaign finance reporting requirements for a ballot issue committee”; and in line 10, after “Section” insert “13-305 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

“13–305.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a candidate’s authorized political committee **OR A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE** is not required to file the campaign finance reports required under § 13–304 of this subtitle if the responsible officers file an affidavit:

(1) on or before the day when the first campaign finance report is due;  
and

(2) stating that the campaign finance entity does not intend either to raise contributions in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more or, exclusive of the filing fee, make expenditures in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more.

(Over)

(b) If the campaign finance entity receives cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more or makes cumulative expenditures of \$1,000 or more, the campaign finance entity shall file all subsequent campaign finance reports required under this subtitle.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, and subject to subsection (d) of this section, the responsible officers of a candidate's authorized political committee OR A BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEE may file an affidavit, instead of the campaign finance reports for the period required under § 13-309(a) of this subtitle for an election in which the political committee designates it will participate, if the affidavit:

(i) is filed on or before the day when the campaign finance report is due; and

(ii) states that the campaign finance entity did not raise contributions in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more or, exclusive of the filing fee, make expenditures in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more for the period.

(2) (i) So long as the campaign finance entity does not receive cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more or make cumulative expenditures of \$1,000 or more during any reporting period:

1. the affidavit filed under paragraph (1) of this subsection remains in effect; and

2. the campaign finance entity is not required to file a campaign finance report required under § 13-309(a) of this subtitle.

(ii) A campaign finance entity subject to this paragraph shall file the annual campaign finance report required under § 13-309(b) of this subtitle.

(d) After filing an affidavit under subsection (c)(1) of this section, if the campaign finance entity receives cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more or makes cumulative expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a period, the campaign finance entity shall file a campaign finance report for that period as required under § 13-309 of this subtitle on or before the day that the campaign finance report is due.

(e) A violation of subsections (b) or (d) of this section constitutes a failure to file by the campaign finance entity, and the responsible officers are guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction are subject to the penalties prescribed under Part VII of this title.”