

1 SB224
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3 By Senators Holtzclaw and Orr
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, all statements and
9 reports required to be filed by a candidate must be
10 filed in each county where the election is
11 scheduled.

12 This bill would provide that in the case of
13 candidates for a municipal office where the
14 municipality is located in more than one county,
15 the statements and reports shall be filed in the
16 county where the city hall of the municipality is
17 located.

18 This bill would further provide that the
19 judge of probate of the county where the report is
20 filed, if the municipality is located in more than
21 one county, shall provide a copy of the report to
22 the judge of probate of the other county where the
23 municipality is also located.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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2 To amend Section 17-5-9, Code of Alabama 1975,
3 relating to filing procedures for campaign statements and
4 reports; to provide that in the case of candidates for a
5 municipal office where the municipality is located in more
6 than one county, the statements and reports shall be filed in
7 the county where the city hall of the municipality is located;
8 and to further provide that the judge of probate of the county
9 where the report is filed, if the municipality is located in
10 more than one county, shall provide a copy of the report to
11 the judge of probate of the other county where the
12 municipality is also located.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. Section 17-5-9, Code of Alabama 1975, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§17-5-9.

17 "(a) All statements and reports, including
18 amendments, required of principal campaign committees under
19 the provisions of this chapter shall be filed with the
20 Secretary of State in the case of candidates for state office
21 or state elected officials, and in the case of candidates for
22 local office or local elected officials, with the judge of
23 probate of the county in which the office is sought. In the
24 case of candidates for a municipal office where the
25 municipality is located in more than one county, the
26 statements and reports shall be filed in the county where the
27 city hall of the municipality is located. The judge of probate

1 of the county where the report is filed, if the municipality
2 is located in more than one county, shall provide a copy of
3 the report to the judge of probate of the other county where
4 the municipality is also located.

5 "(b) Political action committees, which seek to
6 influence an election for local office or to influence a
7 proposition regarding a single county, shall file all reports
8 and statements, including amendments, with the judge of
9 probate of the county affected. All other political action
10 committees, except as provided in subsection (a) above, shall
11 file reports and statements with the Secretary of State."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.