

1 HB246  
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3 By Representative Black  
4 RFD: Ethics and Campaign Finance  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, failure to file a  
9 reporting requirement of the Fair Campaign  
10 Practices Act is a criminal offense.

11 This bill would provide for the Honest  
12 Campaign Act of 2012.

13 This bill would provide that a candidate who  
14 does not timely file a report of contribution and  
15 expenditures to the Alabama Secretary of State  
16 shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each day  
17 past the deadline that the report is due.

18 This bill would provide that the Alabama  
19 Secretary of State shall charge a \$100 fine for  
20 each candidate who is required to file an amended  
21 report of contribution and expenditures.

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23 A BILL

24 TO BE ENTITLED

25 AN ACT

1           Relating to timely filing of a report of  
2           contribution and expenditures by candidates; to provide for  
3           the Honest Campaign Act of 2012; to provide that a candidate  
4           who does not timely file a report of contribution and  
5           expenditures to the Alabama Secretary of State shall be  
6           subject to a fine for each day past the deadline that the  
7           report is due; and to provide that the Alabama Secretary of  
8           State shall assess a fee for each candidate who is required to  
9           file an amended report of contribution and expenditures.

10       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11           Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited  
12           as the Honest Campaign Act of 2012.

13           Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
14           of law, any candidate who does not timely file a report of  
15           contributions and expenditures to the Alabama Secretary of  
16           State shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100)  
17           for each day past the deadline that the report is due.

18           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
19           Alabama Secretary of State shall collect a fine of one hundred  
20           dollars (\$100) for each candidate who is required to file an  
21           amended report of contribution and expenditures.

22           (c) The provisions of this act shall become  
23           operative at the next election cycle after the effective date  
24           of this act.

25           Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
26           first day of the third month following its passage and  
27           approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

