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RFD: Ethics and Campaign Finance

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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, a candidate for elected
6 public office, within five days of becoming a
7 candidate, must file a statement with the Secretary of
8 State indicating the names of individuals serving as
9 the principal campaign committee for the candidate.

10 Also under existing law, a candidate must file
11 periodic campaign finance reports with the Secretary of
12 State during an election cycle, even if the candidate
13 does not receive contributions or make expenditures.

14 This bill would exempt a candidate running for a
15 municipal office from filing a statement designating
16 his or her principal campaign committee and filing
17 campaign finance reports unless and until the candidate
18 receives contributions or makes expenditures greater
19 than \$1,000 in the aggregate.
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22 A BILL

23 TO BE ENTITLED

24 AN ACT
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26 Relating to campaign finance; to exempt a candidate for
27 a municipal office from filing a designation of his or her
28 principal campaign committee and from filing campaign finance



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reports until the candidate reaches a certain threshold in receiving contributions or making expenditures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. A candidate running for a municipal office is exempt from the filing requirements of Sections 17-5-4 and 17-5-8, Code of Alabama 1975, unless and until the candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2024.