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SYNOPSIS:

The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires the Secretary of State to publish on a searchable database all campaign finance filings.

This bill would require the redaction of the residential address of any candidate or elected official prior to publication.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to campaign finance; to amend Section 17-5-8.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to require the redaction of residential addresses of candidates and elected officials on all campaign finance filings; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-8.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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"§17-5-8.1

(a) ~~Commencing with the 2014 election cycle, all~~ All statements, reports of contributions, and expenditures, and other filings required to be filed pursuant to this chapter, shall be submitted electronically over the Internet by a computer file containing the report information in a format and medium to be prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) ~~Commencing with the 2014 election cycle, the~~ The Secretary of State shall implement and maintain an electronic database accessible by the public through the Secretary of State's website which provides the capability of search and retrieval of all statements, reports, and other filings required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter. The searchable database shall provide the ability to search by a recipient's name, a contributor's name, a contributor's or recipient's Zip Code, and dates of contributions. Before publishing any statements, reports, or other filings on the searchable database or on any other website, the Secretary of State shall redact the residential address of any candidate or elected official.

(c) Unless otherwise included in a report made pursuant to ~~subsection (a) of~~ Section 17-5-8 (a), the principal campaign committee or political action committee shall file a report disclosing the receipt of any single contribution of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more. These reports shall disclose the same information required by Section 17-5-8, and shall be filed within two business days of receipt of the contribution. ~~Beginning with the 2014 election cycle these~~



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~~reports shall be filed electronically.~~

(d) ~~Beginning with the 2012 election cycle, a~~ A
principal campaign committee or political action committee
shall close its books in order to complete its reports two
days prior to the specified reporting dates.

(e) The Secretary of State may ~~promulgate~~
~~administrative~~ adopt rules pursuant to the Alabama
Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement and
administer this section and Section 17-5-8."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.