

## HB156 INTRODUCED



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9 RFD: Ethics and Campaign Finance

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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to campaign finance; to exempt a candidate for a municipal office from filing a designation of his or her principal campaign committee and from filing campaign finance



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

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. A candidate running for a municipal office  
33 is exempt from the filing requirements of Sections 17-5-4 and  
34 17-5-8, Code of Alabama 1975, unless and until the candidate  
35 receives contributions or makes expenditures in excess of one  
36 thousand dollars (\$1,000).

37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
38 2024.