

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 230

Approved by the Governor April 4, 1983

Introduced by Lamb, 43

AN ACT to amend sections 49-1413, 49-1445, and 49-1454, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, relating to political accountability and disclosure; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to when a candidate committee must be formed; to provide for committee campaign statements as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections, and also section 49-1452, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 49-1460, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 49-1413, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:

49-1413. Committee shall mean (1) any combination of two or more individuals which receives contributions or makes expenditures of over four hundred one thousand dollars for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of one or more candidates, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot questions, or (2) a person, as defined in section 49-1438, whose primary purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures and receives or makes contributions or expenditures of over four hundred one thousand dollars, for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of one or more candidates, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot questions, except an individual, other than a candidate, shall not constitute a committee. Except as otherwise provided in section 49-1445, a committee shall be considered formed and subject to the provisions of sections 49-1401 to 49-14,138 upon raising, receiving, or spending over the four hundred one thousand dollars referred to in this section. A corporation, labor organization, or industry, trade, or professional association is not a committee if it makes expenditures or provides personal services or receives contributions

pursuant to the provisions of section 49-1469.

Sec. 2. That section 49-1445, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:

49-1445. Each candidate shall, upon raising, receiving, or expending in excess of one thousand four hundred dollars, other than the fee for filing for office, form a candidate committee which may be a one person committee, that person being the candidate. A person who is a candidate for more than one office shall form a candidate committee for the office for which the person is a candidate upon raising, receiving, or expending in excess of four hundred one thousand dollars for the campaign for that office.

Sec. 3. That section 49-1454, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:

49-1454. Any committee supporting or opposing one or more candidates or the qualification, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot questions shall file a legibly printed or typed campaign statement. A committee shall file legibly printed or typed campaign statements pursuant to sections 49-1459 and 49-1461 starting with the campaign statement next due after it receives contributions or makes expenditures of over one thousand dollars to support or oppose one or more candidates or the qualification, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot questions. The period covered by a campaign statement is the period beginning with the day after the closing date of the most recent campaign statement which was filed, and ending with the closing date of the campaign statement in question due. If the committee filing the campaign statement has not previously filed a campaign statement, the period covered shall begin on the date the person or persons forming the committee raised, received, or spent any money. with July 1, 1977, or the date on which the committee was formed if the committee is formed after July 1, 1977; PROVIDED, the period shall begin for a committee from the date the committee raised, received or expended any money if the committee is formed after July 1, 1977.

Sec. 4. That original sections 49-1413, 49-1445, and 49-1454, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, and also section 49-1452, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 49-1460, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, are repealed.