

Introduced by Senator Vidak

February 10, 2016

An act to amend Section 84200 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 976, as introduced, Vidak. Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign statements.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures and imposing other reporting and recordkeeping requirements on campaign committees. The act requires elected officers, candidates, committees, and slate mailer organizations to file various reports, including semiannual reports, preelection statements, and supplemental preelection statements.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision governing the filing of semiannual campaign statements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 84200 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 84200. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3),
- 4 elected officers, candidates, and committees pursuant to subdivision
- 5 (a) of Section 82013 shall file semiannual statements each year no

1 later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than
2 January 31 for the period ending December 31.

3 (1) A candidate who, during the past six ~~months~~ *months*, has
4 filed a declaration pursuant to Section 84206 shall not be required
5 to file a semiannual statement for that six-month period.

6 (2) Elected officers whose salaries are less than two hundred
7 dollars (\$200) a month, judges, ~~and judicial candidates~~, *candidates*
8 and their controlled committees shall not file semiannual statements
9 pursuant to this subdivision for any six-month period in which
10 they have not made or received any contributions or made any
11 expenditures.

12 (3) A judge who is not listed on the ballot for reelection to, or
13 recall from, any elective office during a calendar year shall not
14 file ~~a semiannual statements~~ *statement* pursuant to this subdivision
15 for any six-month period in that year if both of the following apply:

16 (A) The judge has not received any contributions.

17 (B) The only expenditures made by the judge during the calendar
18 year are contributions from the judge’s personal funds to other
19 candidates or committees totaling less than one thousand dollars
20 (\$1,000).

21 (b) All committees pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) of Section
22 82013 shall file campaign statements each year no later than July
23 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for
24 the period ending December 31, if they have made contributions
25 or independent expenditures, including payments to a slate mailer
26 organization, during the six-month period before the closing date
27 of the statements.