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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 49**

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**Introduced by Senator ~~Polanco~~ Karnette**  
**(~~Principal coauthor: Senator Lockyer~~)**  
**(Principal coauthors: Senators Lockyer and Polanco)**

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~~An act to add and repeal Chapter 12 (commencing with 91200) to~~ *An act to add and repeal Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 84600) of Title 9 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 49, as amended, ~~Polanco~~ *Karnette*. Political Reform Act of 1974: ~~electronic filing~~ *online disclosure*.

Existing provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 require specified candidates for public office and committees supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures to periodically file reports with the Secretary of State and certain local officials setting forth information concerning contributions they received and expenditures they made during the specified reporting period. Existing provisions of the act also require lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to periodically file specified reports and statements with the Secretary of State.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to develop a process whereby reports and statements that are required under the act to be filed with the Secretary of State could be

filed electronically and viewed by the public at no cost *and an online disclosure system* by way of the largest nonproprietary, cooperative public computer network.

This bill would establish timeframes within which the Secretary of State ~~must~~ *would be required to* implement this process and within which controlled committees of elected state officers that receive contributions, and any other committees that receive contributions or make expenditures of ~~\$50,000~~ *\$100,000* or more, and lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers that file these reports and statements, must begin to file them electronically. ~~These timeframes would include a requirement that, if certain conditions are met, the Secretary of State establish a pilot electronic filing program in connection with the 1998 state election cycle.~~ The bill would require that the Secretary of State implement its provisions statewide ~~no later than January 1, 1999~~ *in connection with the state primary election in the year 2000.*

This bill would permit committees that are not required to file electronically to do so.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to define a standardized record format or formats for transmission of data required to be filed by this bill, certify commercial vendors who develop computer software that complies with these formats, and publish a list of certified vendors that also identifies the software programs and vendors that are available at a cost of \$99 or less. If, by ~~an unspecified date~~ *June 1, 2000*, a software program for \$99 or less cannot be certified, the provisions of this bill would *become inoperative and would be repealed on January 1, 2001.*

This bill would require that persons who are subject to these electronic filing requirements must continue to file paper copies of these reports and statements as currently required under the act until the Secretary of State is satisfied with the performance of the electronic filing system.

This bill would not require local officials who also receive filings of these reports and statements to maintain a similar electronic filing system, but would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring county elections officials to receive this information from the Secretary of State.



The bill would provide, pursuant to a specified provision of existing law, that no employee or official of a state or local government agency shall utilize, for political or campaign purposes, public facilities or resources to retrieve or maintain any of the data produced pursuant to the bill.

This bill would appropriate the sum of ~~\$550,000~~ \$750,000 to the Secretary of State for the purposes of developing the electronic reporting system and reimbursing local agencies for any costs they incur in the development of the system.

Existing law makes a violation of the act subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by imposing these penalties on certain persons who violate the provisions of the bill.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, except as provided in this act, no reimbursement is required by this act for specified reasons.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a 2/3 vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act, would therefore require a 2/3 vote.

*The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Chapter 12 (commencing with Section~~  
2 *SECTION 1. Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section*  
3 *84600) is added to Title 9 of the Government Code, to*  
4 *read:*  
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## 1           CHAPTER 4.6.   ONLINE DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1997

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3       84600. *This chapter may be known and may be cited*  
4 *as the Online Disclosure Act of 1997.*

5       84601. *The Legislature finds and declares as follows:*

6       (a) *The people of California enacted one of the*  
7 *nation's most comprehensive campaign and lobbying*  
8 *financial disclosure laws when they voted for Proposition*  
9 *9, the Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative statute.*

10      (b) *Public access to campaign and lobbying disclosure*  
11 *information is a vital and integral component of a fully*  
12 *informed electorate.*

13      (c) *Advances in technology have made it viable for*  
14 *disclosure statements and reports required by the*  
15 *Political Reform Act to be filed online and placed on the*  
16 *Internet, thereby maximizing availability to the public.*

17      84602. *To implement the Legislature's intent, the*  
18 *Secretary of State, in consultation with the Fair Political*  
19 *Practices Commission, notwithstanding any other*  
20 *provision of this title or any other provision of the*  
21 *Government Code, shall do all of the following:*

22      (a) *Develop an online filing process for use by persons*  
23 *and entities specified in Sections 84604 and 84605*  
24 *required to file statements and reports with the Secretary*  
25 *of State's office pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with*  
26 *Section 84100), and Chapter 6 (commencing with Section*  
27 *86100). As part of that process, the Secretary of State shall*  
28 *define a nonproprietary standardized record format or*  
29 *formats using industry standards for the transmission of*  
30 *the data required of those persons and entities specified*  
31 *in subdivision (a), and which conforms with the*  
32 *disclosure requirements of this title.*

33      (b) *Certify commercial vendors and private persons*  
34 *who develop computer software for compliance with the*  
35 *standardized record format developed pursuant to*  
36 *subdivision (a) and is compatible with the Secretary of*  
37 *State's system for receiving the data. All software shall be*  
38 *certified in order for a filer to meet the requirements of*  
39 *this chapter. A list of the certified commercial vendors*  
40 *and private persons shall be published, designating*



1 *thereon the software programs that are available at a cost*  
2 *not to exceed ninety-nine dollars (\$99) and the vendors*  
3 *or persons, or both, from whom they are available. If, by*  
4 *June 1, 2000, there are no software programs available at*  
5 *a cost of ninety-nine dollars (\$99) or less that comply with*  
6 *the requirements of subdivision (a), this chapter shall*  
7 *become inoperative on June 1, 2000, and, as of January 1,*  
8 *2001, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*  
9 *becomes operative on or before January 1, 2001, deletes*  
10 *or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and*  
11 *is repealed.*

12 *(c) Develop a system that provides for the online*  
13 *transfer of the data specified in this section utilizing*  
14 *telecommunications technology, which assures the*  
15 *integrity of the data transmitted, and creates safeguards*  
16 *against efforts to tamper with or subvert the data.*

17 *(d) Make the data filed online available on the largest,*  
18 *nonproprietary, nonprofit, cooperative public computer*  
19 *network in an easily understood format that provides the*  
20 *greatest public access. However, the data made available*  
21 *shall not contain the residential street addresses of the*  
22 *persons or entity representatives listed on the*  
23 *electronically filed forms. The data shall be made*  
24 *available free of charge and as soon as possible after*  
25 *receipt.*

26 *(e) Develop a procedure for filers to comply with the*  
27 *requirement that they sign under penalty of perjury*  
28 *pursuant to Section 81004.*

29 *(f) Maintain all filed data online for 10 years after the*  
30 *date it is filed, and then archive the information in a*  
31 *secure format.*

32 *(g) Provide assistance to those seeking public access to*  
33 *the information.*

34 *(h) Consult with the Department of Information*  
35 *Technology and implement sufficient technology to seek*  
36 *to prevent unauthorized alteration or manipulation of*  
37 *the data. The online disclosure system shall not become*  
38 *operative until the Department of Information*  
39 *Technology approves the system.*

1 (i) Report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of  
2 the online filing and public disclosure requirements,  
3 private security issues, software availability, and other  
4 issues, relating to this chapter, recommending  
5 appropriate changes if necessary. In preparing the  
6 report, the commission may present to the Secretary of  
7 State and the Legislature its comments regarding this  
8 chapter as it relates to the duties of the commission and  
9 suggest appropriate changes if necessary. There shall be  
10 one report due before the system is operational as set  
11 forth in Section 84603, and one due no later than June 1,  
12 2001.

13 84603. The Secretary of State, once all state-mandated  
14 development, procurement, and oversight requirements  
15 have been met, shall make public their availability to  
16 accept reports online. Any filer may then commence  
17 voluntarily filing online any required report or statement  
18 that is otherwise required to be filed with the Secretary  
19 of State pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section  
20 84100) or Chapter 6 (commencing with 86100) of this  
21 title.

22 84604. (a) The Secretary of State shall implement an  
23 online disclosure program in connection with the 2000  
24 state primary election and the lobbying activities  
25 specified in paragraph (4). Entities specified in  
26 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) shall commence online  
27 disclosure with the first preelection statement for the  
28 period ending March 17, 2000, and shall continue to  
29 disclose online all required reports and statements up  
30 until and including the semiannual statement for the  
31 period ending June 30, 2000. Entities specified in  
32 paragraph (4) shall commence online disclosure with the  
33 quarterly report for the period ending March 31, 2000,  
34 and shall continue to disclose online all required reports  
35 and statements up to and including the quarterly report  
36 for the period ending June 30, 2000. The entities subject  
37 to this section are the following:

38 (1) Any candidate, committee, or other persons who  
39 are required, pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with  
40 Section 84100), to file statements, reports, or other



1 documents in connection with a state elective office or  
2 state measure appearing on the June 2000 ballot,  
3 provided that the total cumulative reportable amount of  
4 contributions received, expenditures made, loans made  
5 or received is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or  
6 more.

7 (2) Any general purpose committees, as defined in  
8 Section 82027.5, and small contributor committees, as  
9 defined in Section 85203, that cumulatively receive  
10 contributions or make expenditures totaling one hundred  
11 thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more to support or oppose  
12 candidates for any elective state office or state measure  
13 appearing on the June 2000 ballot.

14 (3) Any slate mailer organization with cumulative  
15 reportable payments received or made for the purposes  
16 of producing slate mailers of one hundred thousand  
17 dollars (\$100,000) or more in connection with the June  
18 2000 election.

19 (4) Any lobbyist, lobbying firm, lobbyist employer or  
20 other persons required, pursuant to Chapter 6  
21 (commencing with Section 86100) to file statements,  
22 reports, or other documents provided that the total  
23 amount of any category of reportable payments,  
24 expenses, contributions, gifts, or other items is one  
25 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more in a  
26 calendar quarter.

27 (b) Filers specified in subdivision (a) shall also  
28 continue to file required disclosure forms in paper  
29 format. The paper copy shall continue to be the official  
30 version for audit and other legal purposes. Committees  
31 and other persons that are not required to file online by  
32 this section may voluntarily file online.

33 (c) The Secretary of State shall also disclose online any  
34 late contribution or late independent expenditure report,  
35 as defined by Sections 84203 and 84204 respectively, not  
36 covered by subdivision (a).

37 (d) It shall be presumed that online filers file under  
38 penalty of perjury.

1 84605. Beginning on July 1, 2000, and for all applicable  
2 reporting periods thereafter, the following persons shall  
3 file online with the Secretary of State:

4 (a) Any candidate, committee, or other persons who  
5 are required, pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with  
6 Section 84100), to file statements, reports, or other  
7 documents in connection with a state elective office or  
8 state measure, provided that the total cumulative  
9 reportable amount of contributions received,  
10 expenditures made, loans made or received is fifty  
11 thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in an election cycle.  
12 In determining the cumulative reportable amount, all  
13 controlled committees, as defined by Section 82016, and  
14 office holder accounts, as defined by Section 85313, shall  
15 be included.

16 (b) Any general purpose committees, as defined in  
17 Section 82027.5, and small contributor committees, as  
18 defined in Section 85203, that cumulatively receive  
19 contributions or make expenditures totaling fifty  
20 thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in an election cycle to  
21 support or oppose candidates for any elective state office  
22 or state measure.

23 (c) Any slate mailer organization with cumulative  
24 reportable payments received or made for the purposes  
25 of producing slate mailers of fifty thousand dollars  
26 (\$50,000) or more in an election cycle.

27 (d) Any lobbyist, lobbying firm, lobbyist employer or  
28 other persons required, pursuant to Chapter 6  
29 (commencing with Section 86100), to file statements,  
30 reports, or other documents provided that the total  
31 amount of any category of reportable payments,  
32 expenses, contributions, gifts, or other items is five  
33 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in a calendar quarter.

34 (e) The Secretary of State shall also disclose online any  
35 late contribution or late independent expenditure report,  
36 as defined by Sections 84203 and 84204 respectively, not  
37 covered by subdivision (a), (b), or (c).

38 (f) Committees and other persons that are not  
39 required to file online by this section may voluntarily file  
40 online.



1 (g) Once a person or entity is required to file online,  
2 subject to subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (d), they shall be  
3 required to file all subsequent reports online.

4 (h) It shall be presumed that online filers file under  
5 penalty of perjury.

6 (i) Persons filing electronically shall also continue to  
7 file required disclosure statements and reports in paper  
8 format. The paper copy shall continue to be the official  
9 filing for audit and other legal purposes until such time  
10 that the Secretary of State, pursuant to Section 84606,  
11 determines the system is operating securely and  
12 effectively.

13 (j) The Secretary of State shall maintain at all times a  
14 secured, official version of all original electronically filed  
15 statements and reports required by this chapter. Upon  
16 determination by the Secretary of State, pursuant to  
17 Section 84606, that the system is operating securely and  
18 effectively, this electronic version shall be the official  
19 version for audit and other legal purposes.

20 84606. The Secretary of State shall determine and  
21 publicly disclose when the online disclosure system is  
22 operating effectively. In making this determination, the  
23 Secretary of State shall consult with the commission, the  
24 Department of Information Technology, and any other  
25 appropriate public or private entity. Upon this  
26 determination, filers required by this chapter to file  
27 online will no longer be required to file a paper format or  
28 with local filing officers. Furthermore, the date that a filer  
29 transmits an online report shall be the date the filed  
30 report is received by the Secretary of State.

31 84607. Pursuant to Section 8314, no employee or  
32 official of a state or local government agency shall utilize,  
33 for political or campaign purposes, public facilities or  
34 resources to retrieve or maintain any of the data  
35 produced by the requirements of this chapter.

36 84608. No action taken pursuant to this chapter shall  
37 be deemed to alter or relinquish any copyright or other  
38 proprietary interest or entitlement of the State of  
39 California relating to any of the information made  
40 available pursuant to this chapter. The source code,



1 executable code, operating procedures, and complete  
2 documentation of all computer programs, including the  
3 general system design and physical system design,  
4 developed to implement the electronic reporting process  
5 shall be placed in the public domain prior to any required  
6 usage.

7 84609. All candidates and ballot measure committees  
8 who are required, pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing  
9 with Section 84100), to file statements, reports, or other  
10 documents in connection with a statewide elective office  
11 or state measure appearing on the November 1998 ballot  
12 shall provide at the time of filing, in addition to a paper  
13 submission, a copy of the required report on computer  
14 disk. The Secretary of State shall make copies available to  
15 the public, at a cost not to exceed the actual copying costs.  
16 The Secretary of State shall also disclose online, any late  
17 contribution or late independent expenditure report, as  
18 defined by Sections 84203 and 84204 respectively, filed in  
19 connection with any elective state office or ballot  
20 measure appearing on the November 1998 ballot.

21 84610. There is hereby appropriated from the  
22 General Fund of the state to the Secretary of State the  
23 sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)  
24 for the purposes of developing the online disclosure  
25 system provided by this chapter and reimbursing local  
26 agencies for any costs they incur in the development of  
27 this system.

28 SEC 2. No reimbursement is required by this act  
29 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
30 Constitution for certain costs that may be incurred by a  
31 local agency or school district because in that regard this  
32 act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime  
33 or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or  
34 infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the  
35 Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime  
36 within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
37 California Constitution.

38 Except for the costs to be reimbursed pursuant to the  
39 appropriation set forth in Section 1, no reimbursement is  
40 required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B



1 of the California Constitution because this act provides  
2 for offsetting savings to local agencies or school districts  
3 that result in no net costs to the local agencies or school  
4 districts, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the  
5 Government Code.

6 Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
7 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
8 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
9 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

10 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the  
11 provisions of this act further the purpose of the Political  
12 Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a)  
13 of Section 81012 of the Government Code.

14 SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
15 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or  
16 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the  
17 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts  
18 constituting the necessity are:

19 In order for the Secretary of State to have sufficient  
20 time to provide for an online disclosure and electronic  
21 filing system, it is necessary that this act take effect  
22 immediately.

23 ~~91200) is added to Title 9 of the Government Code, to~~  
24 ~~read:~~

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26 ~~CHAPTER 12. ELECTRONIC FILING~~

27

28 ~~91200. This chapter shall be known and may be cited~~  
29 ~~as the Electronic Filing Disclosure Act.~~

30 ~~91201. Public access to campaign and lobbying~~  
31 ~~disclosure information required by this title, and now~~  
32 ~~provided only in paper format, is extremely limited. As a~~  
33 ~~result, the major purpose of this title, providing for a fully~~  
34 ~~informed electorate, is not being accomplished. To~~  
35 ~~correct this inadequacy, it is the intent of the Legislature~~  
36 ~~that an electronic filing system be developed so that the~~  
37 ~~public, via computer network, will have the widest~~  
38 ~~possible access to state campaign and lobbying disclosure~~  
39 ~~information.~~



1 91202. To implement the Legislature's intent, the  
2 Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provision of  
3 this title or any other provision of the Government Code,  
4 shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Develop an electronic filing process for use by all  
6 persons and entities required to file statements and  
7 reports with the Secretary of State's office pursuant to  
8 Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 84100) and  
9 Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 86100) of this title.

10 (b) As part of that process, the Secretary of State shall  
11 define a standardized record format or formats for  
12 transmission of the data required of those persons and  
13 entities specified in subdivision (a), and which conforms  
14 with the disclosure requirements of this title.

15 (c) Certify commercial vendors who develop  
16 computer software for compliance with the standardized  
17 record format developed pursuant to subdivision (b) and  
18 publish a list of all certified commercial vendors,  
19 designating thereon the software programs that are  
20 available at a cost not to exceed ninety-nine dollars (\$99)  
21 and the vendors thereof. If, by \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
22 there are no software programs available at a cost of  
23 ninety-nine dollars (\$99) or less that comply with the  
24 requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b), the provisions  
25 of this chapter are repealed.

26 (d) Provide the infrastructure to accept the  
27 electronically transmitted data, and make the data  
28 available on the largest nonproprietary, cooperative  
29 public computer network in a format that is easily  
30 understood and by means that will provide the greatest  
31 public access to the information.

32 (e) Develop a system for the electronic transfer of the  
33 data specified in this section that utilizes public and  
34 private "keys" in connection with digital signatures that  
35 ensures the integrity of the data transmitted.

36 (f) Maintain all data filed online for a period of 10 years  
37 after the date it is filed, then archive it permanently in a  
38 secure format.

39 (g) Provide assistance to persons seeking access to the  
40 data on the computer network.



1 ~~91203. The Secretary of State shall implement the~~  
2 ~~provisions specified in Section 91202 no later than January~~  
3 ~~1, 1999. However, if all mandated development,~~  
4 ~~procurement, and oversight procedures have been~~  
5 ~~achieved and complied with, the Secretary of State shall~~  
6 ~~implement a pilot electronic filing program in~~  
7 ~~connection with the 1998 state election cycle, as specified~~  
8 ~~in subdivision (a). Thereafter, filers identified in~~  
9 ~~subdivision (a) of Section 91202 shall file required~~  
10 ~~disclosure statements and reports in the prescribed~~  
11 ~~electronic format in accordance with the following~~  
12 ~~timetable and monetary thresholds:~~

13 ~~(a) For purposes of the 1998 pilot electronic filing~~  
14 ~~program, any committee that receives contributions or~~  
15 ~~makes expenditures totaling one hundred thousand~~  
16 ~~dollars (\$100,000) or more between January 1, 1997 and~~  
17 ~~December 31, 1998, either to support or oppose one or~~  
18 ~~more candidates for statewide elective office, or to~~  
19 ~~support or oppose one or more statewide ballot measures,~~  
20 ~~shall file electronically.~~

21 ~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 1999, and for all reporting~~  
22 ~~periods thereafter, any controlled committee of an~~  
23 ~~elected state officer that receives contributions, and any~~  
24 ~~committee that receives contributions or makes~~  
25 ~~expenditures totaling fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or~~  
26 ~~more in any calendar year either to support or oppose one~~  
27 ~~or more candidates for any elective state office or to~~  
28 ~~support or oppose one or more statewide ballot measures,~~  
29 ~~shall file electronically.~~

30 ~~(c) Lobbyists, lobbying firms, lobbyist employers, and~~  
31 ~~other persons required to file disclosure reports pursuant~~  
32 ~~to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 86100) of this~~  
33 ~~title may file electronic reports voluntarily as soon as the~~  
34 ~~Secretary of State has implemented the system during~~  
35 ~~the 1997-98 Regular Session of the Legislature. Beginning~~  
36 ~~with the 1999-2000 Regular Session of the Legislature,~~  
37 ~~and thereafter, electronic filing of these reports shall be~~  
38 ~~mandatory.~~

39 ~~(d) Filers specified in subdivision (a), (b), and (c) of~~  
40 ~~this section shall also file paper-generated statements and~~



1 reports as a form of backup until a time that the Secretary  
2 of State is satisfied that filings pursuant to the electronic  
3 filing system will meet all of the pertinent requirements  
4 of this title, including availability for public inspection.  
5 Copies of campaign statements filed electronically with  
6 the Secretary of State need not be filed with local filing  
7 officers, but the Secretary of State shall, immediately  
8 after receipt make this data available to the appropriate  
9 local filing officers.

10 (e) Committees that are not required to file  
11 electronically by this section may file either in paper  
12 format or electronically. However, if a committee initially  
13 files in paper format and later becomes subject to  
14 subdivisions (a) or (b), it shall refile previously filed  
15 reports electronically, and all subsequent reports  
16 electronically.

17 (f) Local government agencies may enact their own  
18 electronic filing requirements.

19 (g) Pursuant to Section 8314, no employee or official  
20 of a state or local government agency shall utilize, for  
21 political or campaign purposes, public facilities or  
22 resources to retrieve or maintain any of the data  
23 produced by the requirements of this chapter.

24 91204. (a) No action taken pursuant to this chapter  
25 shall be deemed to alter or relinquish any copyright or  
26 other proprietary interest or entitlement of the State of  
27 California relating to any of the information made  
28 available pursuant to this chapter. The source code,  
29 executable code, operating procedures, and complete  
30 documentation of all computer programs, including the  
31 general system design and physical system design,  
32 developed to implement the electronic reporting process  
33 shall be placed in the public domain prior to any required  
34 usage.

35 91205. There is hereby appropriated from the  
36 General Fund of the state to the Secretary of State the  
37 sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for  
38 the purposes of developing the electronic reporting  
39 system provided by this chapter and reimbursing local



1 agencies for any costs they incur in the development of  
2 this system.

3 ~~SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act  
4 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
5 Constitution for certain costs that may be incurred by a  
6 local agency or school district because in that regard this  
7 act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime  
8 or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or  
9 infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the  
10 Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime  
11 within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
12 California Constitution.~~

13 ~~Moreover, except for the costs to be reimbursed  
14 pursuant to the appropriation set forth in Section 1, no  
15 additional reimbursement is required by this act pursuant  
16 to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
17 Constitution because certain provisions of this act  
18 provide for offsetting savings to local agencies or school  
19 districts that result in no net costs to the local agencies or  
20 school districts, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
21 the Government Code.~~

22 ~~Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
23 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
24 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
25 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.~~

26 ~~SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the  
27 provisions of this act further the purpose of the Political  
28 Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a)  
29 of Section 81012 of the Government Code.~~

