Bill No. HB 7067 (2023)

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Senate House

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Representative Eskamani offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 2484-2587 and insert:

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Except as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b), reports <u>must shall</u> be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar month from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a calendar month occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report <u>must shall</u> be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Monthly reports <u>must shall</u> include all contributions received and expenditures made during the calendar

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month which have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

- (a) A statewide candidate or a political committee required to file reports with the division must file reports:
- 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election.
- 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general election.
- (b) Any other candidate or a political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the division must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.
- (c) Following the last day of qualifying for office, any unopposed candidate need only file a report within 90 days after the date such candidate became unopposed. Such report shall contain all previously unreported contributions and expenditures as required by this section and shall reflect disposition of funds as required by s. 106.141.

- (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such special election or the preceding special primary election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.
- 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days before such election.
- (e) The filing officer shall provide each candidate with a schedule designating the beginning and end of reporting periods as well as the corresponding designated due dates.
- (f) A county, a municipality, or any other local governmental entity is expressly preempted from enacting or adopting a reporting schedule that differs from the requirements established in this subsection.

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(c) Any candidate or chair of a political committee may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The

Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in $\underline{s.\ 106.265(3)}$ $\underline{s.}$ $\underline{106.265(2)}$ when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the candidate or chair of the political committee shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section 106.0702, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.0702 Reporting; political party executive committee candidates.—

(7)

(c) A reporting individual may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which has the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s.106.265(2) when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the reporting individual must, within 20 days after receipt of the notice in writing of his

or her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

Section 44. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section 106.0703, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations; reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 291-300 and insert:

106.07, F.S.; preempting local governments from establishing reporting schedules that differ from certain requirements; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 106.0702 and 106.0703, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; adding text

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