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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 105, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to funding of inaugural activities, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 105, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 105.459, to read as follows:

**105.459. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Sarah Steelman
2 Transparency and Disclosure Act".**

**3 2. A committee formed to receive contributions or make expenditures for inaugural
4 activities on behalf of a person elected to serve in a statewide office shall file a statement
5 of organization with the Missouri ethics commission within thirty days after the committee
6 is formed. The statement shall include:**

7 (1) Identification of the major nature of the committee;

**8 (2) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the chair or treasurer of
9 the committee; and**

10 (3) The anticipated duration of the committee's existence.

**11 3. The committee shall file disclosure reports with the ethics commission that
12 itemize receipts, expenditures, and indebtedness incurred by the committee. The first
13 disclosure report shall be filed not later than thirty days after the statement of organization
14 is filed. Subsequent disclosure reports shall be filed every six months for the duration of
15 the committee's existence.**

**16 4. The disclosure reports shall also include a separate listing by name, address, and
17 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of each person from whom the committee**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 received one or more contributions, in moneys or other things of value, that in the
19 aggregate total in excess of twenty-five dollars, together with the date and amount of each
20 such contribution. No committee shall accept any contribution without such information.

21 5. Upon termination of the committee, a termination statement indicating
22 dissolution shall be filed with the ethics commission not later than ten days after the date
23 of dissolution. The termination statement shall include:

24 (1) The distribution made of any surplus funds and the disposition of any deficits;
25 and

26 (2) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the individual who shall
27 preserve the committee's records and accounts in accordance with subsection 6 of this
28 section.

29 6. The chair or treasurer of any committee covered by this section shall maintain
30 accurate records and accounts that shall be maintained in accordance with accepted
31 normal bookkeeping procedures and shall contain the bills, receipts, deposit records,
32 cancelled checks, and other detailed information necessary to prepare and substantiate
33 disclosure reports. All records and accounts of receipts and expenditures shall be
34 preserved for at least three years after a termination statement is filed.

35 7. Any complaint that the provisions of this section are not followed shall be filed
36 with the ethics commission. Such complaints shall be in the form described in section
37 105.957 and shall be investigated by the ethics commission in accordance with section
38 105.961.

39 8. Any person guilty of knowingly violating any of the provisions of this section
40 shall be punished in accordance with section 105.478.

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