

HB 513 -- SARAH STEELMAN TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE ACT

SPONSOR: Ellebracht

This bill creates the "Sarah Steelman Transparency and Disclosure Act." Any committee formed to receive contributions or make expenditures for inaugural activities on behalf of a person elected to serve in a statewide office shall file a statement of organization with the Missouri Ethics Commission within 30 days after the committee is formed. The committee must file disclosure reports with the ethics commission that itemize receipts, expenditures, and indebtedness incurred by the committee. The first disclosure report will be filed not later than 30 days after the statement of organization is filed and subsequent disclosure reports shall be filed every six months for the duration of the committee's existence. Upon termination of the committee, a termination statement indicating dissolution shall be filed with the ethics commission not later than 10 days after the date of dissolution. The chair or treasurer of any committee covered by this section shall maintain accurate records and accounts that shall be maintained in accordance with accepted normal bookkeeping procedures and shall contain the bills, receipts, deposit records, canceled checks, and other detailed information necessary to prepare and substantiate disclosure reports. All records and accounts of receipts and expenditures shall be preserved for at least three years after a termination statement is filed.

Any complaint of a violation of the bill shall be filed with the ethics commission. Such complaints shall be in the form described in Section 105.957, RSMo, and shall be investigated by the ethics commission in accordance with Section 105.961.

Any person guilty of knowingly violating a provision of the bill may be charged with a class B misdemeanor for a first offense, or a class E felony for a second or subsequent offense.

This bill is the same as HB 949 (2017).