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NOTICE

The following changes to the Campaign Finance Law (KRS Chapter 121) were enacted as a result of 2019 Senate Bill 4 (SB 4)¹:

- **Mandatory electronic reporting** – All candidates, slates of candidates, committees, and contributing organizations, not otherwise exempt from campaign finance reporting, will be **required to electronically submit all required campaign finance reports to the Registry**, including independent expenditure reports.
- **No 5 Day Grace Period** – Any required campaign finance report must be submitted within **two (2) business days** of the reporting period end date.
- **Deadline for Independent Expenditure Reporting** – Any required independent expenditure report must be submitted electronically **within forty-eight (48) hours of the date that the communication is publicly distributed or disseminated**.
- **Deadline to Change Spending Intent** – Any Candidate (including judicial candidates) may **amend his or her spending intent** consistent with what the candidate is **actually spending** in the election, **so long as** the amendment is made **prior to the period end date** when the candidate's first campaign finance report for an election is required to be filed.
- **Penalty for Exceeding Chosen Spending Intent** – Candidates who declare an exemption from filing, then exceed the spending intent without filing all required reports for an election cycle, will be assessed a **\$500 minimum penalty**.
- **Publication of Delinquent Filers** – The Registry is required to publish the name of any candidate, slate of candidates, committee, or contributing organization who fails to file a campaign finance report electronically by the filing deadline as a delinquent filer, until the report is filed properly in an electronic format.
- **Publication of Manual for Contributing Organizations** – The Registry is required to prepare and publish a manual for contributing organizations describing requirements of the law.

¹ These changes do not apply to the 2019 general election cycle, but to the 2020 primary election cycle and beyond.