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1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 67-6603, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-
3 VIDE THAT A POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO
4 THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-6610, IDAHO CODE, TO
5 PROHIBIT A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FROM ACCEPTING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS
6 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 67-6603, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 67-6603. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL TREASURER. (a~~1~~) Each candidate and
11 political committee shall appoint a political treasurer and certify the
12 full name and complete address of the political treasurer to the secretary
13 of state. A political committee that is not a natural person shall also
14 register with the secretary of state the name and address of each of the
15 committee's board of directors or, if none, those individuals with spending
16 authority or decisionmaking power on behalf of the committee. A political
17 treasurer ~~so appointed~~ shall be a registered elector of this state. An indi-
18 vidual may be appointed and serve as political treasurer for a candidate and
19 a political committee or two (2) or more candidates or political committees.
20 A candidate may appoint himself his own political treasurer.

21 (b~~2~~) A candidate or political committee may remove his or its political
22 treasurer. In case of the death, resignation or removal of his or its polit-
23 ical treasurer before compliance with all obligations of a political trea-
24 surer under this act, such candidate or political committee shall appoint
25 a successor and certify the name and address of the successor in the manner
26 provided in the case of an original appointment.

27 (c~~3~~) No contribution shall be received or expenditure made by or on be-
28 half of a candidate or political committee:

29 (1~~a~~) Until the candidate or political committee appoints a political
30 treasurer and certifies the name and address of the political treasurer
31 to the secretary of state or, in the event of a vacancy in the office of
32 political treasurer, has certified the name and address of the succes-
33 sor as provided therein; and

34 (2~~b~~) Unless the contribution is received or expenditure made by or
35 through the political treasurer for the candidate or political commit-
36 tee.

37 SECTION 2. That Section 67-6610, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
38 amended to read as follows:

39 67-6610. CONTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF FIFTY DOLLARS. (a~~1~~) Any person who
40 contributes more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) (including one or more smaller

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1 contributions which aggregate more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in any one
2 calendar year) to a candidate or political committee shall accompany the
3 contribution with a statement of his full name and complete address.

4 (b2) If a political treasurer is offered or receives a payment or con-
5 tribution of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), or which together with prior
6 contributions from the same person during that calendar year exceeds fifty
7 dollars (\$50.00), and there is no statement of the full name and complete ad-
8 dress of the person making the contribution, the contribution shall be re-
9 turned to the contributor if his identity can be ascertained. If the con-
10 tributor's identity cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall be trans-
11 mitted immediately by the political treasurer who received it to the state
12 controller for deposit in the public school fund.

13 (3) No political committee may accept a contribution of more than one
14 thousand dollars (\$1,000), whether in a lump sum or in aggregate payments,
15 from another political committee, whether out-of-state or in-state, that
16 has not registered as a political committee with the Idaho secretary of state
17 and provided the information required in section 67-6603, Idaho Code. If
18 registration of the contributor cannot be confirmed, the political trea-
19 surer shall return the contribution to the contributor if the identity can
20 be ascertained. If the contributor's identity cannot be ascertained, the
21 political treasurer shall transmit the contribution to the state controller
22 for deposit in the public school fund.