

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 1348
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
4 on February 24, 2026)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Seibold)

6 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-947.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance; large pre-*
7 *election contributions report; election day reporting requirement.*

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That § 24.2-947.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 24.2-947.9. Special report required of certain large pre-election contributions.**

11 A. Any contribution reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the first report required by
12 this article after any election.

13 B. Except as provided in subsection C, any single contribution of \$5,000 or more for a statewide office,
14 \$1,000 or more for the General Assembly, or \$500 or more for any other office, knowingly received or
15 reported by the candidate or his treasurer on behalf of his candidacy on and after the eleventh day preceding
16 (i) a primary and before the primary date, (ii) a general election and before the general election date, or (iii)
17 any other election in which the individual is a candidate and before the election day, shall be reported in
18 writing as provided in §§ 24.2-947.4 and 24.2-947.5 or electronically pursuant to § 24.2-946.1, and the report
19 shall be received by the State Board or general registrar, as appropriate, by 11:59 p.m. on the following day
20 or for a contribution received on a Saturday by 11:59 p.m. on the following Monday. However, any such
21 contribution received ~~within the 24 hours prior to the election day~~ *before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the*
22 *election* shall be reported and a report thereof received *by 11:59 p.m. on the day prior to the election. Any*
23 *contributions received at 5:00 p.m. or later on the day prior to the election shall be reported and a report*
24 *thereof received by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the election.*

25 C. The reports required by subsection B ~~of this section~~ shall also be required of any candidate for
26 nomination by a political party to serve as the party's nominee in a general or special election if (i) the party
27 nominates by convention or any method other than a primary and (ii) there are at least two candidates for
28 nomination pursuant to the rules and procedures of the party. In such case, candidates for nomination shall be
29 required to file the reports required by subsection B for the 11-day period, as specified by subsection B,
30 immediately preceding:

31 1. The caucus, mass meeting, convention, or other nominating event at which the party's nomination shall

32 be finally determined pursuant to the rules and procedures of the party; and

33 2. Any caucus, mass meeting, convention, or other nominating event, other than that at which the party's
34 nomination shall be finally determined, at which delegates are chosen who are pledged to support a specified
35 candidate on at least one ballot at a subsequent district or state convention required as part of the nominating
36 process.

37 D. No report shall be required pursuant to subsection C if the candidate is or has become, by virtue of the
38 withdrawal of any opponent or the operation of the rules and procedures of the party, unopposed for
39 nomination at the time such report otherwise would be required to be made.

40 E. Any person who is named as the candidate on the statement of organization for more than one
41 campaign committee required to file campaign finance reports under this article shall be required to file
42 special reports pursuant to this section for all such committees during the period applicable to any such
43 campaign committee.

44 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**