

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Shields, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires out-of-state contributions appear in different colored font than in-state contributions on electronic filing system. Requires treasurers for initiatives, referenda or recall petitions to file contribution and expenditure transactions no later than April 1, 2008 for certain transactions. Adjusts ORESTAR reporting deadlines from midnight to 11:59 p.m. Allows a candidate or political committee to email a contributor asking them to furnish their occupation if they didn't do so when making a contribution. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Allowing candidates and political parties to solicit information from contributors via email
- Ability to determine whether or not a contribution is from out-of-state if it is an online contribution
- Whether the contributor or Secretary of State is responsible for identifying the color of the font on ORESTAR

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows a candidate or political committee to email a contributor asking them to furnish their occupation if they didn't do so when making a contribution

BACKGROUND: Currently contributions received and expenditures made by campaign treasurers and chief petitioners are publicly accessible on the internet via the ORESTAR reporting system. All contributions are printed in black font or blue hyperlink font. Provisions of SB 1071B require that out-of-state contributions appear in a different color font.

Additionally, changes that occurred in the 2007 Legislative Session created a reporting gap for certain campaign finance transactions occurring October through December 2007. The measure now requires those transactions be reported.

Finally, the current reporting deadline for ORESTAR is midnight which is the first minute of the next day. SB 1071B modifies the deadline to 11:59 p.m. to prevent late filings on the day after a filing is due.