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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6868**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1418**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 16, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Local office campaign finance reports.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a county election board to mail campaign finance report forms to candidates for local office 21 days before the reports are due. (Under current law, a county election board may implement this practice.)

A county election board may, but is not required to, impose a civil penalty on a candidate who fails to file a statement of organization or a campaign finance report. (Under current law, a county election board is required to impose a penalty.) The penalty cap for violations by a candidate for a local office from \$1,000 to \$250.

This bill provides that a committee for a candidate for a local office is only required to file an annual campaign finance report for a year in which the committee spends not more than \$1,000 and receives contributions and other income of not more than \$1,000.

A candidate for a local office is not required to file large contribution reports.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 1999 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill requires a county election board to mail campaign finance report forms to candidates for local office 21 days before the reports are due. Currently, a county election board may implement this practice. This provision could increase mailing costs of a county election board. The fiscal impact is indeterminable and dependent on the current practice of the county election board.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** This bill no longer requires but allows the county election board to assess a civil penalty for failure to file the required reports or statement of organization by the required deadline. Additionally, this bill changes the maximum amount for the civil penalty from \$1,000 to \$250. The civil penalties collected are deposited in the County Finance Enforcement Account. The bill could reduce the amount of civil penalties collected and deposited in the County Finance Enforcement Account. The fiscal impact of these provisions is indeterminable and dependent on local action.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:**