

BUTTE COUNTY ELECTRONIC FILING CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte ordains as follows:

Section 1. Article I of Chapter 52 is added to the Butte County Code as follows:

“ARTICLE I

CHAPTER 52 ELECTRONIC FILING CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

Section 52-1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors finds that public access to campaign disclosure information is a vital and integral component of a fully informed electorate. Transparency in campaign financing is critical in order to maintain public trust and support of the political process. The online electronic filing system shall operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers.

Section 52-2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to require online electronic filing by any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file specified statements, reports, or other documents with the Butte County elections official as required by Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act in order to facilitate review and maximize the availability of this information to the public.

Section 52-3. Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code section 84615 which authorizes local agencies to utilize an online electronic filing system.

Section 52-4. Electronic Filing of Campaign Disclosure. Any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file specified statements, reports, or other documents with the Butte County elections official as required by Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act shall electronically file all such statements, reports or documents according to procedures established by the Butte County elections official. However, in any case in which any person is required to file (a) an original statement, report or other document with the Secretary of State and (b) a copy of such statement, report, or other document with the Butte County elections official, the person may electronically file a copy with the Butte County elections official according to procedures

1 established by the Butte County elections official. Electronic filing is not required under these
2 circumstances. The data shall be made available free of charge and available on the Internet.

3 **Section 52-5. Severability.** If any provision of this Chapter or the application thereof to any
4 person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Chapter, including the application of
5 such party or provision to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in
6 full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Chapter are severable. The Board of
7 Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,
8 paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more
9 sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases are held
10 unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable.”

11 Section 2. The Clerk of the Board will publish the Ordinance codified in this Chapter as required
12 by law. The Ordinance codified in this Chapter shall take effect thirty (30) days after passage.

13 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte, State of
14 California, on the 25th day of June, 2013, by the following vote:

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16 AYES: Supervisors Wahl, Kirk, Lambert, Teeter and Chair Connelly

17 NOES: None

18 ABSENT: None

19 NOT VOTING: None

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21 BILL CONNELLY, Chair of the Butte
County Board of Supervisors

22 ATTEST:

23 Paul Hahn,
24 Chief Administrative Officer and
Clerk of the Board

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26 By: _____
Deputy