

HB 1249 -- Campaign Finance Reports

Sponsor: Cunningham (86)

This bill makes several changes to the laws regarding campaign finance disclosure reports. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires certain complaints regarding campaign finance disclosure report violations to be filed within 30 days of the filing of the report;

(2) Increases the penalty for filing a complaint without just cause from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony;

(3) Requires persons requesting to inspect or copy disclosure reports to provide photo identification; and

(4) Permits the Missouri Ethics Commission to assess reasonable investigation and defense costs against persons filing complaints when the commission finds the complaints to be motivated by malice or reasons contrary to the spirit of the law.