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Short Title: Eliminate Campaign Report Notarization.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NOTARIZATION OF  
CAMPAIGN REPORTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-278.32 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-278.32. **Statements under oath.**

Any statement required to be filed under this Article shall be signed and certified as true and correct by the individual, media, candidate, treasurer or others required to file it, and shall be ~~verified by the oath or affirmation of~~ certified as true and correct to the best of the knowledge of the individual, media, candidate, treasurer or others filing the ~~statement, taken before any officer authorized to administer oaths;~~ statement; provided further that the candidate shall certify as true and correct to the best of his knowledge the organizational report and appointment of treasurer filed for the candidate or the candidate's principal campaign committee. Any person making a certification under this Article knowing the information to be untrue may be prosecuted for perjury under G.S. 14-209."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-278.9(i) reads as rewritten:

"(i) Any report or attachment filed under subsection (e) of this section must be ~~made under oath~~ certified."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 163-278.10A(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, a candidate shall be exempted from the reports of contributions, loans, and expenditures required in G.S. 163-278.9(a), 163-278.40B, 163-278.40C, 163-278.40D, and 163-278.40E if to further his campaign that candidate:

- (1) Does not receive more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in contributions, and
- (2) Does not receive more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in loans, and
- (3) Does not spend more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

1 To qualify for the exemption from those reports, the candidate's treasurer shall file a  
2 certification ~~under oath~~ that he does not intend to receive in contributions or loans or  
3 expend more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to further his campaign. The  
4 certification shall be filed with the Board at the same time the candidate files his  
5 Organizational Report as required in G.S. 163-278.7, G.S. 163-278.9, and G.S.  
6 163-278.40A. If the candidate's campaign is being conducted by a political committee  
7 which is handling all contributions, loans, and expenditures for his campaign, the  
8 treasurer of the political committee shall file a certification of intent to stay within the  
9 threshold amount. If the intent to stay within the threshold changes, or if the three  
10 thousand dollar (\$3,000) threshold is exceeded, the treasurer shall immediately notify  
11 the Board and shall be responsible for filing all reports required in G.S. 163-278.9 and  
12 163-278.40B, 163-278.40C, 163-278.40D, and 163-278.40E; provided that any  
13 contribution, loan, or expenditure which would have been required to be reported on an  
14 earlier report but for this section shall be included on the next report required after the  
15 intent changes or the threshold is exceeded."

16           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.