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## Chapter 9. Corrupt Practices.

**Sec. 1. Application to caucuses, primaries and elections.**—The provisions of sections 1 to 7, inclusive, shall apply to the election of all officers for whom ballots shall be cast pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5, and to the election of all officers to be voted for by the legislature or either branch thereof, the board of aldermen, municipal officers, common council or city council of any city, to all caucuses and primary elections preliminary to any such other elections and to all candidates to be voted for at such elections, caucuses and primary elections. The term “caucuses and primary elections” shall include:

(1957, c. 397, § 1.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment substituted “sections 1 to 7, inclusive” for “this section and the 7 following sections” in the first sentence.

As only the introductory paragraph was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

**Sec. 2. Definitions; appointment of treasurer or political agent to be filed with secretary of state.**

No person shall act as any such treasurer or political agent unless, after his appointment and before the election for which he is appointed, a writing designating him as such treasurer or political agent shall be filed with the secretary of state, except that, in case the duties of such treasurer or political agent shall relate to any city, ward or town election exclusively, or to any caucus or primary election preliminary thereto, such writing shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality within which such candidate resides instead of with the secretary of state. The treasurer of a representative-class committee shall file such writing with the town clerk of the town within which he resides. Every such writing shall designate the particular period, election, caucus or primary election during which such treasurership or political agency shall continue. The treasurer or political agent of any organization or candidate may be the treasurer or political agent of any other organization or candidate. (R. S. c. 8, § 2. 1955, c. 345, § 4.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment deleted the words “and any candidate for public office may designate himself as his own political agent” at the end

of the last sentence. As only the last paragraph of the section was changed by the amendment, the first, second and third paragraphs are not set out.

**Sec. 3.** Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 345, § 5.

**Sec. 4. Treasurer or political agent may pay certain expenses.**—It shall be lawful for any treasurer or political agent, in connection with any election, caucus or primary election, to pay the following expenses:

(1957, c. 397, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment deleted “Subject to the following limitations” which formerly appeared at the beginning of the introduc-

tory paragraph. As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendment, only the introductory paragraph is set out.

**Sec. 5. Treasurer or political agent to file statement of money expended or promised.**—Within 15 days after any such election, every treasurer and every political agent shall file an itemized sworn statement with the officer with whom his designation was filed as aforesaid, which statement shall include the amount of money or property in each case received or promised, the name of the person from whom it was received or by whom it was promised, the amount of every expenditure made or liability incurred, other than the actual personal expenses of candidates for postage, telegrams, telephones, stationery, express and traveling, which need not be returned, the name of the person to whom such expenditure or promise was made, and shall clearly state the purpose for

which such money or property was so expended or promised. Any treasurer or political agent who shall fail to file such a statement within the time required shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for each day he is in default, unless he shall be excused by the court. This section shall not apply to primary elections held under the provisions of sections 15 to 51, inclusive, of chapter 4, nor shall it apply to candidates, the return required of such candidates under the provisions of section 6 being sufficient. (R. S. c. 8, § 5. 1957, c. 397, § 3.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 agents" and substituted "section 6" for amendment inserted the word "inclusive", "the following sections", all in the last deleted "who are their own political sentence of the section.

**Sec. 6. After election candidates to file statement of contributions and expenses.**—Every candidate for public office shall, within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate, file with the secretary of state, if a candidate for United States senator, representative in congress, or for any state or county office, state senator or representative in the legislature, but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate for a mayor, alderman and councilman to be elected by the registered voters of the entire city, provided the city is one of 10,000 inhabitants or over, an itemized, sworn statement setting forth in detail all the moneys contributed, expended or promised by him to aid and promote his nomination or election, or both, as the case may be, and all existing unfulfilled promises, or liabilities remaining uncancelled and in force at the time such statement is made, whether such expenditures, promises and liabilities were made or incurred before, during or after such election. If no money or other valuable thing was given, paid, expended, contributed or promised, and no unfulfilled liabilities were incurred by a candidate for public office to aid or promote his nomination or election, other than said actual personal expenses, he shall file a statement to that effect within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate. Any candidate who shall fail to file such a statement shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for every day he is in default, unless he shall be excused by the court. Fifteen days after any such election, the secretary of state or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be, shall notify the proper prosecuting officer of any failure to file such statement on the part of any candidate, and within 10 days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute such candidate for such offense. This section shall not apply to primary elections held under the provisions of sections 15 to 51 of chapter 4. No person elected to any office established by the constitution or laws of this state shall receive any salary or emolument for the period during which he shall have failed to file such statement. (R. S. c. 8, § 6. 1955, c. 429, § 1. 1957, c. 167.)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1955 town office" near the middle of the first amendment substituted the words "for a sentence. The 1957 amendment substituted "mayor, alderman and councilman" municipal office to be elected by the registered voters of the entire city, provided for the words "municipal office" in the city is one of 10,000 inhabitants or over" clause inserted in the first sentence by the for the words "for a city, ward or 1955 amendment.

**Sec. 7. Statements to be preserved and open to inspection.**—All statements filed in accordance with the provisions of the 2 preceding sections shall be preserved for 15 months after the election to which they relate, and shall, during that period, be open to public inspection. The clerk of every city of over 10,000 inhabitants shall provide blank forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him. (R. S. c. 8, § 7. 1955, c. 429, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment rewrote the second sentence.