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*Bill Analysis*  
Legislative Service Commission

## **H.B. 201**

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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Womer Benjamin, Webster, Kearns, Lendrum, DePiero, Jones**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Increases the period of time during which campaign committees of candidates for the office of Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court must file two-business-day campaign finance statements.
- Lowers from \$500 to \$250 the aggregate contribution amount received from a contributor during that period of time that will require campaign committees of those candidates to file two-business-day statements.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Existing law**

The Campaign Finance Law currently requires campaign committees of statewide candidates to file a two-business-day statement any time a candidate's campaign committee receives a contribution that causes the aggregate contributions received from the contributor to equal or exceed a specified amount during the period beginning 19 days before the general election at which that candidate seeks election to office and extending through the day of that general election. For candidates for Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court, those statements must be filed when a contribution received from a contributor causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that contributor during that period to exceed \$500.<sup>1</sup> Two-business-day statements reflecting a contribution must be filed not later than two business days after the receipt of that contribution. (Sec. 3517.10(A).)

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<sup>1</sup> For other statewide candidates, the total amount of contributions received from a contributor during the period must equal or exceed \$2,500.

**Changes proposed by the bill**

The bill generally retains the requirement that statewide candidates file two-business-day statements for specified contributions received during the period beginning 19 days prior to a general election and continuing through the day of that election (sec. 3517.10(A)).

With respect to candidates for the office of Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court, the bill increases the time period during which campaign committees of those candidates must file two-business-day statements. Under the bill, those campaign committees must file two-business-day statements beginning on the first day of September in the year in which the candidate seeks office and extending through the day of the general election. The bill also decreases the aggregate amount of contributions a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court must receive during the period from a contributor to be required to file a two-business-day statement from \$500 to \$250. (Sec. 3517.10(A).)

Thus, the bill requires the campaign committee of a candidate for the office of Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court to file a two-business-day statement at any time between the first day of September and the day of the general election at which the candidate seeks election whenever it receives a contribution from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that contributor during that period to exceed \$250.

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