

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 288 of 2008

***** 15.531.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2018 *****

15.531.amended Statement or report; availability; reasonable charge; use for commercial purpose prohibited; preservation; filing fee; determination of compliance with filing requirements; notice of error or omission; corrections; report of uncorrected error or omission or failure to file; filing date.

Sec. 11. (1) The secretary of state shall make a statement or report required to be filed under this act available for public inspection and reproduction, as soon as practicable, but not later than the third business day following the day on which it is received, during regular business hours of the filing official. The secretary of state shall also make the report or all of the contents of the report available to the public on the internet, without charge, as soon as practicable, at a single website established and maintained by the secretary of state.

(2) A copy of a statement or part of a statement shall be provided by the secretary of state at a reasonable charge.

(3) A statement open to the public under this act shall not be used for any commercial purpose.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a statement of organization filed under this act with the secretary of state shall be preserved by the secretary of state for 15 years from the official date of the committee's dissolution. Any other statement or report filed under this act with the secretary of state shall be preserved by the secretary of state for 15 years from the date the filing occurred. Upon a determination that a violation of this act has occurred, all complaints, orders, decisions, or other documents related to that violation shall be preserved by the filing official who is not the secretary of state or the secretary of state for 15 years from the date of the court determination or the date the violation is corrected, whichever is later. Statements and reports filed under this act may be reproduced pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406. After the required preservation period, the statements and reports, or the reproductions of the statements and reports, may be disposed of in the manner prescribed in the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, and section 11 of the Michigan history center act, 2016 PA 470, MCL 399.811.

(5) A filing official shall not collect a charge for the filing of a required statement or report or for a form upon which the statement or report is to be prepared, except a late filing fee required by this act.

(6) The secretary of state shall determine whether a statement or report filed under this act complies, on its face, with the requirements of this act. The secretary of state shall determine whether a statement or report that is required to be filed under this act is in fact filed. Within 4 business days after the deadline for filing a statement or report under this act, the secretary of state shall give notice to the filer by registered mail of an error or omission in the statement or report and give notice to a person the secretary of state has reason to believe is a person required to and who failed to file a statement or report. A failure to give notice by the secretary of state under this subsection is not a defense to a criminal action against the person required to file.

(7) Within 9 business days after the report or statement is required to be filed, the filer shall make any corrections in the statement or report filed with the secretary of state. If the report or statement was not filed, then the report or statement shall be late filed within 9 business days after the time it was required to be filed and shall be subject to late filing fees.

(8) After 9 business days and before 12 business days have expired after the deadline for filing the statement or report, the secretary of state shall report errors or omissions that were not corrected and failures to file to the attorney general.

(9) A statement or report required to be filed under this act must be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day in which it is required to be filed. A transaction report that is postmarked by registered or certified mail, or sent by express mail or other overnight delivery service, at least 2 days before the deadline for filing is filed within the prescribed time regardless of when it is actually delivered. Any other statement or report required to be filed under this act that is postmarked by registered or certified mail or sent by express mail or other overnight delivery service on or before the deadline for filing is filed within the prescribed time regardless of when it is actually delivered.

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