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## CHAPTER 502.

AN ACT to amend section 4543c and to create a new section known as section 4543c--1 of the statutes of 1898 relating to accounts of expenditures by candidates.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**Accounts of expenditures by candidates.** SECTION 1. Section 4543c of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 4543c.\* *Every person who shall be a candidate before any convention or at any primary or election to fill an office for which a nomination paper or certificate of nomination may be filed, shall within thirty days after the election held to fill such office, make out and file with the officer empowered by law to issue the certificate of election to such office or place, a statement in writing, subscribed and sworn to by such candidate, setting forth in detail each item in excess of five dollars in money or property contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by him, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, by any other person or persons for him or in his behalf, wholly or in part, in endeavoring to secure or in any way in connection with his nomination or election to such office or place, or in connection with the election of any other person at said election, the dates when, and the persons to whom, and the purpose for which all said sums were paid, expended or promised, and the total aggregate sum paid, expended or promised by such candidate in any sum or sums whatever. Such statement shall also set forth that the same is as full and explicit as affiant is able to make it. An exact duplicate of such statement shall in like manner and within the same time be filed with the register of deeds for the county in which such candidate resides. Any person failing to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than five hundred dollars.*

**Blanks; publication; prosecution.** SECTION 2. There is hereby created and added to the statutes of 1898 a new section to be known and to read as follows: Section 4543c--1. It is

\*Entire section is rewritten.

hereby made the duty of every officer empowered by law to issue certificates of election, or with whom nomination papers for any primary or election or certificates of nomination for any election are required to be filed, within five days after the holding of an election to fill any office, to forward to all candidates for whom nomination papers or certificates of nomination shall have been filed for such election, or the primary preceding the same, duplicate blanks for making the statement required by the preceding section. Upon the expiration of sixty days from the time of holding any election, each such officer shall make out a list of all candidates who shall have failed to file with him the statement required by the preceding section, duplicates of which statement shall forthwith be transmitted by him to the district attorney and the county clerk of the county within which such candidate resides. Such county clerk shall at the expense of the county cause such list to be published at least once in the official county paper, and also provide the blanks required by this section. The persons mentioned in section 4080 and the amendments thereto shall upon demand administer any oath required by the preceding section and certify thereto without charge. Any person failing to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than five hundred dollars. It shall be the duty of the district attorney to examine all statements filed and institute prosecutions for the violation of this and the preceding section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1906.

Approved June 20, 1905.