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# Amid Chicago Warrant Scandal, State Puts Sen. Bert Johnson on Notice for Failure to Pay \$6,000 in Campaign Finance Penalties

*Detroit Lawmaker Hit with 8 Notices for Refusing to Pay Fines Associated with Michigan Campaign Finance Act Violations*

**LANSING, MI, June 8, 2015** –The Michigan Department of State has been attempting unsuccessfully for months to get state Senator Bert Johnson to pay fees associated with 8 different violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, according to notices delivered recently to his campaign committee.

According to the notices, Johnson’s “Committee to Elect Bert Johnson to State Senate” was delinquent 7 times in 2014 in filing “late contribution reports” required by law, and once in filing a “post general campaign statement.” In total, Johnson’s committee owes state taxpayers \$5,950 stemming from the campaign finance violations.

Johnson’s committee was first contacted by the state regarding the fines in January, and was delivered second notices on March 4 and March 11. Johnson received a “final notice” for the campaign finance penalty associated with the his post general campaign statement on June 3, and still hasn’t paid the fines.

“Senator Johnson is making a bad habit out of refusing to pay his campaign bills,” said Michigan Freedom Fund President Terri Reid. “Between stiffing his out-of-state political operatives in Chicago and refusing to pony up the \$6,000 he owes Michigan taxpayers, Johnson has created a disturbing pattern. He should break it today by coming clean and making it right with taxpayers.”

A warrant was recently issued in Chicago for Johnson’s arrest stemming from his refusal to pay nearly \$22,000 awarded last year by a jury to his Chicago-based campaign consulting team.

Johnson’s campaign finance violation history, fines, and outstanding notices can be viewed on the Department of State’s website at <http://bit.ly/1SQFVYg>.

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