

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 546
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 25, after “Act;” insert “requiring the Commission to request a certain determination from the State Comptroller on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations;”.

On page 2, in line 2, after “date;” insert “providing for a delayed effective date; making this Act subject to a certain contingency;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 3, insert:

“(D) “ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS” MEANS CAMPAIGN MATERIAL THAT INCLUDES THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE BUT THAT DOES NOT EXPRESSLY ADVOCATE A VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE CANDIDATE.”;

in line 7, after “PUBLIC;” insert “AND”; strike beginning with “WITHIN” in line 8 down through “(III)” in line 10; and in lines 4, 14, 15, 18, and 21, strike “(D)”, “(E)”, “(F)”, “(G)”, and “(H)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)”, “(F)”, “(G)”, “(H)”, and “(I)”, respectively.

On page 5, in line 1, strike “(I)” and substitute “(J)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, strike beginning with “(1)” in line 14 down through “TWO” in line 17, and substitute “AT LEAST TWO”; and in line 18, after “AND” insert “AT LEAST”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, in line 18, after “(1)” insert “DEVELOP AND ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(I) ESTABLISH AN INITIAL LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE; AND

(II) ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE IN CORRELATION TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE FUND;

(2)”;

and in line 26, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”.

On page 8, in lines 1, 13, and 15, strike “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 12, in line 2, strike “JANUARY” and substitute “JUNE”; and in line 29, strike “OR MAINTAIN”.

On page 13, in line 23, strike the period and substitute a semicolon; and in line 26, strike the period and substitute “; AND”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 14, in line 2, strike the period and substitute “; AND

(3) A CANDIDATE SHALL SATISFY ANY OTHER CONDITIONS SET UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.”;

in line 17, strike “**AUGUST**” and substitute “**NOVEMBER**”; and in line 19, strike “**AUGUST 1 IN THE YEAR OF**” and substitute “**THE DAY THAT IS 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 16, after line 20, insert:

“(C) IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THE EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE 60 DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.”;

and in line 21, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 18, in line 4, after “CANDIDATE” insert “**RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS OR**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 23, in line 12, strike “**EACH WEEK**” and substitute “**BI-WEEKLY**”; and in line 16, strike “**24**” and substitute “**48**”.

On page 24, in line 8, strike “**48**” and substitute “**24**”; and in line 28, strike “**FROM A NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 28, after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2008, the Election Financing Commission shall request a determination from the State Comptroller as to whether new revenue measures that cumulatively equal or exceed \$1,000,000,000 in annual revenue increases for the State have been enacted since the conclusion of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly and not later than the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.”;

in lines 26 and 32, strike “6.” and “7.”, respectively, and substitute “7.” and “8.”, respectively; and in line 33, strike “2007.” and substitute “2008, contingent on the Election Financing Commission’s receipt of a determination from the State Comptroller in accordance with Section 6 of this Act that new revenue measures that cumulatively equal or exceed \$1,000,000,000 in annual revenue increases for the State have been enacted since the conclusion of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly and not later than the 2008 Session of the General Assembly. If a determination by the State Comptroller is received after July 1, 2008 that new revenue measures that cumulatively equal or exceed \$1,000,000,000 in annual revenue increases for the State have been enacted since the conclusion of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly and not later than the 2008 Session of the General Assembly, this Act shall take effect 30 days after the Commission receives the determination. If a determination is received by the Commission from the State Comptroller that new revenue measures have not been enacted that cumulatively equal or exceed \$1,000,000,000 in annual revenue increases for the State since the conclusion of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly and not later than the 2008 Session of the General Assembly, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly. The Commission, within 5 days after receiving the determination of the State Comptroller, shall forward a copy of the determination to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.”.