



TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HB 1222 Campaign Finance Enforcement and Compliance

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters believes that campaign finance laws should ensure transparency and the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections. An equal "playing field" requires that all candidates follow the rules. To enable candidates to compete equitably for public office and achieve the goals of campaign finance regulation, the League supports enhanced enforcement of campaign finance laws.

Every session, the General Assembly passes more regulations to ensure that our elections are conducted in a fair and open manner. With more potential violations to research, comes more work. This legislation requires the Department of Budget and Management to create two new state positions for the State Board of Elections in order to employ more staff to enforce campaign finance violations. It makes total sense.

We urge a favorable report on HB 1222.