



## **TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

### **HB 906 Campaign Finance - Political Organizations - Disclosures on Solicitations (Stop Scam PACs Act)**

**POSITION: Support**

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The League of Women Voters believes that campaign finance laws should combat corruption and provide for maximum transparency about who raises funds and for what purpose. HB 906 seeks to prevent unscrupulous individuals from raising money under the pretext of raising funds for a candidate or cause — when they are actually raising money for themselves.

The bill applies to Political Action and Independent Expenditure Committees. If they solicit for a political party or candidate and use a candidate's name or image, they must clearly include a disclaimer that the name or image was used without the candidate's or political party's knowledge or permission. If they solicit for what appears to be a charitable purpose, they must include a conspicuous statement that the contributions are not necessarily used for the charitable purpose and are not tax-deductible.

HB 906 also authorizes the State Board of Elections to investigate a suspected scam entity. If the entity is found in violation of the disclosure requirements, they may prohibit them from making further solicitations and impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

We urge a favorable report on HB 906.