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House Bill 645 (Delegate Bronrott)

Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Political Action Committees - Transfers to Candidates - Check Identification

This bill requires a political action committee that makes a transfer to the treasurer or political committee of a candidate or a slate of candidates to display its official name and the words "political action committee" or "PAC" in a prominent place on the face of the check making the transfer. The bill also defines political action committee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional monitoring of campaign financing checks received by candidates could be supported with the existing resources of the State Board of Elections.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no definition of political action committee. No transfer of any kind is permitted if it is intended to conceal the identity of the contributor or the recipient. However, no special identification of political action committees on transfer checks is required.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A substantially similar bill was introduced in the 1999 session as HB 951. It passed the House but was not reported from the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Cross File: None.

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