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LLS NO. 11-0468.01 Richard Sweetman

**HOUSE BILL 11-1117**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES IN**  
102 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROCEEDINGS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

If a witness or party fails to comply with an administrative subpoena issued to address an alleged campaign finance reporting violation, the bill allows the agency or party that requested the administrative subpoena to petition a district court to order compliance with the administrative subpoena. The witness or party may appear

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

before the district court and show why he or she should not be ordered to comply with the administrative subpoena. If the witness or party fails to appear at the show cause hearing, the district court may issue a warrant for the subpoenaed witness's or party's arrest or impose other sanctions. If the subpoenaed witness or party does not show good cause why he or she should not be ordered to comply with the administrative subpoena, the district court shall order compliance with the administrative subpoena and may impose remedial and punitive fines.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** 1-45-111.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4           **1-45-111.5. Duties of the secretary of state - enforcement -**  
5 **sanctions.** (4) (a) UPON FAILURE OF A WITNESS OR PARTY TO COMPLY  
6 WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA ISSUED IN RELATION TO AN ALLEGED  
7 CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE  
8 STATE CONSTITUTION OR THIS ARTICLE, THE PARTY THAT REQUESTED THE  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA OR THE ISSUING AGENCY MAY PETITION THE  
10 DISTRICT COURT, EX PARTE WITH A COPY OF THE PETITION SENT TO THE  
11 SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR PARTY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
12 BY REGULAR MAIL, FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE WITNESS OR PARTY TO  
13 COMPLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA.

14           (b) IF THE PETITION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
15 SUBSECTION (4) SHOWS TO THE DISTRICT COURT'S SATISFACTION THAT THE  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA WAS PROPERLY SERVED PURSUANT TO RULE  
17 4 OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, THE DISTRICT COURT  
18 SHALL ORDER THE SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR PARTY TO APPEAR BEFORE  
19 THE DISTRICT COURT AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE WITNESS OR PARTY  
20 SHOULD NOT BE ORDERED TO COMPLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 SUBPOENA. A COPY OF THE PETITION AND THE COURT ORDER SHALL BE

1 SERVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5 OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL  
2 PROCEDURE, ON THE WITNESS OR PARTY AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE  
3 THE DATE DESIGNATED FOR THE WITNESS OR PARTY TO APPEAR BEFORE  
4 THE DISTRICT COURT.

5 (c) AT A SHOW CAUSE HEARING ORDERED BY THE DISTRICT COURT  
6 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), THE COURT SHALL  
7 REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA AND ANY EVIDENCE PRESENTED  
8 BY THE PARTIES TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE COLORADO RULES  
9 OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. THE SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR PARTY SHALL BEAR  
10 THE BURDEN OF SHOWING GOOD CAUSE AS TO WHY HE OR SHE SHOULD NOT  
11 BE ORDERED TO COMPLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA.

12 (d) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR  
13 PARTY IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA:

14 (I) THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ORDER COMPLIANCE FORTHWITH  
15 AND MAY IMPOSE REMEDIAL AND PUNITIVE FINES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS'  
16 FEES AND COSTS, FOR THE WITNESS'S OR PARTY'S FAILURE TO COMPLY  
17 WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA; AND

18 (II) THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SHALL SCHEDULE A HEARING  
19 ON THE COMPLAINT TO OCCUR ON A DAY AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF THE  
20 REQUIRED DEPOSITION AND SUCH OTHER DISCOVERY AS MAY BE  
21 WARRANTED DUE TO SUCH DEPOSITION.

22 (e) IF THE SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR PARTY FAILS TO APPEAR AT  
23 THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING, THE DISTRICT COURT MAY ISSUE A BENCH  
24 WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF THE SUBPOENAED WITNESS OR PARTY AND  
25 MAY IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO THE COLORADO RULES OF  
26 CIVIL PROCEDURE.

1           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.