

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. McCann; Court Sen. Aguilar	Bill Status: House SVMA
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT" FOR CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN ELECTED DIRECTOR POSITIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND SPECIFYING REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING THE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue Cash Funds Department of State Cash Fund	Potential fine revenue - Less than \$5,000.	
State Expenditures Cash Funds Department of State Cash Fund	Less than \$1,000	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: July 1, 2012. The bill applies to the portion of any election cycle or calendar year remaining on July 1, 2012 or any new election cycle or calendar year commencing after this date.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes limits on campaign contributions to candidates for:

- director of the Regional Transportation District (RTD); and
- director of a school district.

The contribution limit is \$500 per election for individuals and political committees, and \$5,000 per election for small donor committees. Candidates for these offices are required to file periodic disclosure statements with the Secretary of State.

State Revenue

The bill could increase fine revenue to the Department of State Cash Fund from RTD and school district director campaigns that fail to file campaign finance disclosures in a timely manner. However, this analysis assumes a high level of compliance and a low collection rate for any fines imposed and estimates potential fine revenue to be less than \$5,000 per year.

State Expenditures

The Department of State will have costs of less than \$1,000 in FY 2012-13 to modify its campaign finance data system to include the contribution limits and types of campaigns covered by the bill. Staff is also required to create and publish a campaign finance disclosure filing schedule for the covered campaigns. This analysis assumes that these costs can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Violations of these contribution limits or disclosure requirements could result in complaints being filed with the Secretary of State and cases being referred to administrative law judges (ALJs) in the Department of Personnel and Administration. This analysis assumes that any increase in complaints and ALJ referrals under the bill will be minimal and can be handled within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Education

Law

Personnel and Administration

State