

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT SMALL ISSUE COMMITTEES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential workload increase and decrease.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill specifies that campaign finance disclosure and reporting requirements do not apply to issue committees until an issue committee has raised or spent in excess of \$5,000. Currently, the Fair Campaign Practices Act in the state constitution imposes a \$200 threshold for issue committees; however, recent court rulings have found that this limit violates an issue committee's freedom of speech and association. While this bill does not change the constitutional limits for issue committees (which would require an amendment to the state constitution), the bill aims to comport state law with recent court decisions and give state and local officials and issue committees a set limit to use in determining whether or not reporting and disclosure limits apply.

State Expenditures

The bill will result in a small decrease in the number of issue committees required to file campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State, but this change is not expected to significantly impact the workload related to campaign finance filings. The Secretary of State's Office may have a minimal increase in workload to review forms and informational material concerning campaign finance filings. No change in appropriations is required at this time.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state impact discussed above, local election officials will have fewer issue committees submitting campaign finance disclosures concerning local ballot measures. Local officials will likely need to update forms and informational material about local campaign finance requirements. However, any local impact is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. It applies to the portion of any election cycle or calendar year remaining after this effective date and for any election cycle or calendar year commencing after this date.

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