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SENATE BILL 01-136

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires that at least 50% of the total contributions and contributions in kind accepted by a state candidate's candidate committee during an election cycle come from natural persons who at the time of making the contribution are residents of the state of Colorado.

Directs an administrative law judge who finds that the filing of a complaint under the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" was frivolous, groundless, or vexatious, to require the complainant to pay the reasonable and necessary attorney fees and costs of the other party.

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.

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 26, 2001

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 16, 2001

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 1-45-105.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **1-45-105.3. Contribution limits.** (1.5) AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT
5 OF THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND ACCEPTED BY
6 A STATE CANDIDATE'S CANDIDATE COMMITTEE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE
7 SHALL BE FROM NATURAL PERSONS OR POLITICAL PARTIES.

8 **SECTION 2.** 1-45-111 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
9 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

10 **1-45-111. Duties of the secretary of state - enforcement.**

11 (2) (a.5) IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FINDS THAT THE FILING OF A
12 COMPLAINT UNDER PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) WAS
13 FRIVOLOUS, GROUNDLESS, OR VEXATIOUS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
14 JUDGE SHALL REQUIRE THE COMPLAINANT TO PAY THE REASONABLE AND
15 NECESSARY ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY.

16 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** (1) This act shall
17 take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is
19 allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section
20 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
21 against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,
22 then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take
23 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by
24 proclamation of the governor.

25 (2) The limits on contributions and contributions in kind contained
26 in this act shall apply to any state candidate committee for the portion of

1 any election cycle remaining after the effective date, and for any election
2 cycle commencing after the effective date, whichever is applicable. Said
3 limits shall not apply to any contributions and contributions in kind made
4 prior to such effective date.