



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5181

Introduced 2/8/2012, by Rep. Jim Sacia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8

from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a "candidate political committee", "political action committee", or "ballot initiative committee" means a committee that makes contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 (now, exceeding \$3,000) on behalf of a candidate, on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate, or related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors, respectively. Effective July 1, 2012.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 9-1.8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)
7 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

8 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political
9 committee, a political party committee, a political action
10 committee, and a ballot initiative committee.

11 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate
12 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,
13 corporation, or other organization or group of persons
14 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes
15 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
16 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of the candidate.

17 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central
18 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a
19 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee
20 formed by a ward or township committeeman of a political party.
21 For purposes of this Article, a "legislative caucus committee"
22 means a committee established for the purpose of electing
23 candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected

1 President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker
2 of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House
3 of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more
4 members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members
5 of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

6 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,
7 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or
8 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,
9 political party, candidate political committee, or political
10 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes
11 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
12 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of or in opposition to a
13 candidate or candidates for public office. "Political action
14 committee" includes any natural person, trust, partnership,
15 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or
16 group of persons, other than a candidate, political party,
17 candidate political committee, or political party committee,
18 that makes electioneering communications during any 12-month
19 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ related
20 to any candidate or candidates for public office.

21 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural
22 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,
23 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
24 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any
25 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
26 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy

1 to be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"
2 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
3 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
4 persons that makes electioneering communications during any
5 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
6 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the
7 voters. The \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ threshold applies to any
8 contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose
9 of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or
10 passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication
11 regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the
12 method of initiation of the question of public policy and
13 regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed
14 with the appropriate office or whether the question has been
15 adopted and certified by the governing body.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-963, eff. 1-1-09; 96-832, eff. 1-1-11.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
18 2012.