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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Parenti

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Bill Status: House State Affairs
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Bill Topic: **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill establishes campaign contribution limits for municipal elections and modifies reporting, open records, and file retention requirements related to municipal campaigns. The bill increase state and local workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill sets municipal election campaign contribution limit at \$250 for individuals and \$2,500 for small donor committees, and prohibits political parties from making contributions to a candidate committee. Amounts are subject to inflation adjustments and the disclosure provisions of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA).

The bill also changes municipal clerk report filing timelines, subjects them to open record requests, and extends filing retention requirements.

State Expenditures

Workload in the Department of State will increase to promulgate rules around the new campaign limits and periodically adjust them for inflation. This work is absorbable.

Local Government

Workload will increase for municipal clerks to assist with any FCPA disputes or handle open record requests that result from the bill. Additionally, storage costs may increase as a result of the extended retention requirements.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed. It applies to any municipal elections on or after that date.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks
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Local Affairs

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