

HOUSE BILL No. 4383

February 26, 1997, Introduced by Reps. LaForge, Schauer and Kaza and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 61 (MCL 169.261), as amended by 1993 PA 262; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61. (1) The state campaign fund is ~~hereby~~ created.
2 The state treasurer shall administer the state campaign fund pur-
3 suant to this act.
4 (2) An individual whose tax liability under the income tax
5 act of 1967, ~~Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended,~~
6 ~~being sections 206.1 to 206.532 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~
7 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.1 TO 206.532, for a taxable year is \$3.00 or
8 more may designate that \$3.00 be credited to the state campaign
9 fund. In the case of a joint return of husband and wife having

1 an income tax liability of \$6.00 or more, each spouse may
2 designate that \$3.00 be credited to the state campaign fund.

3 (3) The tax designation authorized in this section shall be
4 clearly and unambiguously printed on the first page of the state
5 individual income tax return.

6 (4) An amount equal to the cumulative amounts designated
7 under subsection (2) each year shall be appropriated annually
8 from the general fund of the state to the state campaign fund to
9 be available beginning January 1 and continuing through December
10 31 of each year in which a governor is elected. The amounts
11 appropriated under this section shall not revert to the general
12 fund but shall remain available to the state campaign fund for
13 distribution without fiscal year limitation except that any
14 amounts remaining in the state campaign fund in excess of
15 \$10,000,000.00 on December 31 immediately following a gubernato-
16 rial general election shall revert to the general fund.

17 (5) Before the distribution of ~~funds~~ MONEY under this
18 ~~act~~ SECTION to ~~qualifying primary election candidates~~
19 ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, the state treasurer shall set
20 aside sufficient ~~funds~~ MONEY from the state campaign fund to
21 fully implement the formula for distributing ~~funds to qualifying~~
22 ~~general election candidates. If insufficient funds exist in the~~
23 ~~state campaign fund to provide full funding to eligible primary~~
24 ~~election candidates, the campaign funds shall be distributed to~~
25 ~~those candidates on a pro rata basis.~~ MONEY TO ELIGIBLE EDUCA-
26 TIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA SHALL PROVIDE FOR

1 EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE AVAILABLE MONEY BY ALL OF THE ELIGIBLE
2 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

3 (6) THE MONEY ACCUMULATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DIS-
4 TRIBUTED TO ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE MONEY SHALL
5 BE USED BY THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF
6 SPONSORING AND BROADCASTING FORUMS AND DEBATES OF GUBERNATORIAL
7 CANDIDATES.

8 (7) TO RECEIVE MONEY PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, AN ELIGI-
9 BLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SHALL COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM
10 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE TREASURER. THE FORM SHALL INCLUDE A
11 DESCRIPTION OF THE FORUM OR DEBATE TO BE HELD AND THE TYPE OF
12 BROADCAST. IF NO FORUM OR DEBATE IS HELD AFTER AN ELIGIBLE EDU-
13 CATIONAL INSTITUTION RECEIVES MONEY TO SPONSOR A FORUM OR A
14 DEBATE, THE MONEY SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE STATE TREASURER NOT
15 LATER THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

16 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL
17 INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL,
18 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COL-
19 LEGE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE.

20 Enacting section 1. Sections 62 to 71 of the Michigan cam-
21 paign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.262 to 169.271, are
22 repealed.