

HOUSE BILL No. 6188

May 18, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Byrnes, Geiss, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Donigan, Valentine, Bauer, Robert Jones, Warren, Miller, Barnett, Scripps, Switalski, Lipton, Roberts, Liss and Meadows and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"
by amending section 54 (MCL 169.254), as amended by 1995 PA 264.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 54. (1) Except with respect to the exceptions and
2 conditions in subsections (2) and (3) and section 55, and to loans
3 made in the ordinary course of business, a corporation, joint stock
4 company, domestic dependent sovereign, or labor organization shall
5 not make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer
6 personal services that are excluded from the definition of a
7 contribution pursuant to section 4(3)(a).

8 (2) An officer, director, stockholder, attorney, agent, or any
9 other person acting for a labor organization, a domestic dependent

1 sovereign, or a corporation or joint stock company, whether
2 incorporated under the laws of this or any other state or foreign
3 country, except corporations formed for political purposes, shall
4 not make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer
5 personal services that are excluded from the definition of a
6 contribution pursuant to section 4(3)(a).

7 (3) A corporation, joint stock company, domestic dependent
8 sovereign, or labor organization may make a contribution to a
9 ballot question committee subject to this act. ~~A—SUBJECT TO~~
10 **SECTIONS 55A, 55B, 55C, AND 55D, A** corporation, joint stock
11 company, domestic dependent sovereign, or labor organization may
12 make an independent expenditure in any amount for the
13 qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. A
14 corporation, joint stock company, domestic dependent sovereign, or
15 labor organization that makes an independent expenditure under this
16 subsection is considered a ballot question committee for the
17 purposes of this act.

18 (4) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of
19 a felony punishable, if the person is an individual, by a fine of
20 not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 3 years,
21 or both, or, if the person is not an individual, by a fine of not
22 more than \$10,000.00.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
24 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are
25 enacted into law:

26 (a) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6186(request no.
27 06014'10).

1 (b) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6184(request no.
2 06015'10).

3 (c) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6185(request no.
4 06016'10).

5 (d) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6183(request no.
6 06017'10).