

# Legislative Analysis



## STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT VIOLATIONS

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**Senate Bill 1249 as enrolled**

**Sponsor: Sen. David Robertson**

**House Committee: Elections and Ethics**

**Senate Committee: Elections and Government Reform**

**Complete to 2-4-19**

*(Vetoed by the Governor 12-28-18)*

### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1249 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to institute a statute of limitations (SOL) for charging a person for a violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. It would provide that an indictment for a violation could be found and filed within five years after the offense was committed. Currently, unless another SOL is specified, the default period is six years.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

### Vetoed 12-28-18:

In his veto message, Governor Snyder wrote that “[s]hortening the statute of limitations for a campaign finance violation from six years to five years results in minimal to no functional change.”

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