

# SENATE BILL NO. 458

June 26, 2025, Introduced by Senators MCBROOM, RUNESTAD, JOHNSON, DALEY, BAYER and CHANG and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled  
"Michigan campaign finance act,"  
(MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 30a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 30a. (1) A person shall not make a contribution to a  
2       committee of a judge or supreme court justice if that person is a  
3       party to an action or other legal matter pending before that judge  
4       or justice.

5       (2) An independent committee or a political committee shall  
6       not make a contribution to a committee of a judge or supreme court

1 justice if that independent committee or political committee is  
2 primarily funded by members of a limited liability company and  
3 either of the following is true:

4 (a) The limited liability company is a party to an action or  
5 other legal matter pending before that judge or justice.

6 (b) An officer, director, or manager of the limited liability  
7 company is a party to an action or other legal matter pending  
8 before that judge or justice that relates in any way to that  
9 party's conduct as an officer, director, or manager of that limited  
10 liability company.

11 (3) For purposes of this section, an independent committee or  
12 political committee is primarily funded by members of a limited  
13 liability company if members of the limited liability company  
14 contributed 50% or more of the total amount of contributions to the  
15 independent committee or political committee during the 1-year  
16 period before the date of a contribution prohibited by this  
17 section.

18 (4) An independent committee or political committee shall not  
19 make a contribution to a committee of a judge or supreme court  
20 justice if the independent committee or political committee is  
21 controlled or directed by a person that is a party to an action or  
22 other legal matter pending before the judge or justice.

23 (5) An independent committee or political committee shall  
24 include with a contribution to a committee of a judge or supreme  
25 court justice a written statement indicating every person that  
26 controls or directs the contributing committee and whether the  
27 contributing committee is primarily funded by members of a limited  
28 liability company. If the contributing committee is primarily  
29 funded by members of a limited liability company, the contributing

1 committee shall disclose in the written statement the name and  
2 address of the limited liability company.

3 (6) A committee of an incumbent judge or supreme court justice  
4 shall not accept a contribution from any of the following:

5 (a) A person prohibited from making a contribution under  
6 subsection (1).

7 (b) An independent or political committee prohibited from  
8 making a contribution under subsection (2).

9 (c) An independent or political committee without a written  
10 statement required under subsection (4).

11 (7) A person that violates subsection (1) is guilty of a  
12 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
13 a fine of not more than 3 times the amount of the prohibited  
14 contribution, or both.

15 (8) A person that authorizes a contribution by an independent  
16 or political committee prohibited by subsection (2) is guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
18 a fine of not more than 3 times the amount of the prohibited  
19 contribution, or both.

20 (9) A person that controls or directs an independent or  
21 political committee that violates subsection (4) is guilty of a  
22 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
23 a fine of not more than 3 times the amount of the prohibited  
24 contribution, or both.

25 (10) An incumbent judge or supreme court justice whose  
26 committee accepts a contribution prohibited by this section is  
27 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more  
28 than 1 year or a fine of not more than 3 times the amount of the  
29 prohibited contribution, or both. A committee of an incumbent judge

1 or supreme court justice is considered to have accepted a  
2 contribution prohibited by this section if the committee has not  
3 returned the prohibited contribution to the contributor 7 days  
4 after receiving the contribution.

5 (11) The treasurer of a committee of an incumbent judge or  
6 supreme court justice who accepts a contribution in violation of  
7 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment  
8 for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than 3 times the  
9 amount of the prohibited contribution, or both. A committee of an  
10 incumbent judge or supreme court justice is considered to have  
11 accepted a contribution prohibited by this section if the committee  
12 has not returned the prohibited contribution to the contributor 7  
13 days after receiving the contribution.