

Highlights of Campaign Finance Changes - 2022 Legislative Session

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H.B. 90 Third Substitute -- Transparency in Lobbying and Disclosures Amendments

- Combines Title 36 Chapter 11 Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act and Title 36 Chapter 11a Local Government and Board of Education Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act.
 - Requires local lobbyists (i.e. local government and board of education lobbyists) to complete the same registration requirements as state lobbyists
- Defines "foreign agent" as an individual who engages in lobbying under contract with a foreign government.
 - Requires a foreign agent to register with the lieutenant governor as a foreign agent
 - Requires the name tag of a lobbyist who is a foreign agent to indicate that the lobbyist is a foreign lobbyist
 - Establishes penalties for failure to register as a foreign agent

H.B. 91 Second Substitute -- Financial Disclosures Amendments

- Provides that in-kind contributions and other contributions do not include the provision of certain data and other information to a candidate or an officeholder. This data includes:
 - survey results, voter lists, voter contact information, demographic data, voting trend data, or other information that:
 - is not commissioned for the benefit of a particular candidate or officeholder; and
 - is offered at no cost to a candidate or officeholder.

H.B. 258 -- Political Action Committee Amendments

- Requires that a person against whom a fine is imposed for failure to file a statement of organization for a political action committee (PAC) shall pay the fine and file the statement within seven days after the fine is imposed; and
- Makes it a class B misdemeanor to fail to file a statement of organization within seven days after receiving written notice of the requirement to file the statement.

H.B. 267 -- Campaign Finance Amendments

- Amends the deadlines for municipal candidates to file campaign finance statements
 - Adds an additional report for all candidates due 28 days before the election
- Adds a 24-hour grace period for municipal candidates to file campaign finance statements
 - Candidates who file their campaign finance statement after the deadline are subject to a \$50 fine