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**SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE BILL 292**

October 22, 2015 – Offered by Senator S. FITZGERALD.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 18, line 19: delete lines 19 to 22 and substitute:

3 “(17) “Independent expenditure committee” means any person, other than an
4 individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of 2 or more persons
5 unrelated by marriage that satisfies any of the following:

6 1. It has the major purpose of making independent expenditures, as specified
7 in the person’s organizational or governing documents, the person’s bylaws,
8 resolutions of the person’s governing body, or registration statements filed by the
9 person under this chapter.

10 2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on
11 independent expenditures and expenditures made to support or defeat a
12 referendum. In this subdivision, total spending does not include a committee’s
13 fundraising or administrative expenses.”.

1 **2.** Page 19, line 1: delete lines 1 to 3.

2 **3.** Page 19, line 15: delete the material beginning with that line and ending
3 with page 20, line 4, and substitute:

4 “(25) (a) Subject to par. (b), “political action committee” means any person,
5 other than an individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of 2 or more
6 persons unrelated by marriage that satisfies any of the following:

7 1. It has the major purpose of express advocacy, as specified in the person’s
8 organizational or governing documents, the person’s bylaws, resolutions of the
9 person’s governing body, or registration statements filed by the person under this
10 chapter.

11 2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on
12 expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a
13 referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign
14 committee, or political party. In this subdivision, total spending does not include a
15 committee’s fundraising or administrative expenses.

16 (b) “Political action committee” does not include a candidate committee,
17 legislative campaign committee, political party, or recall committee.”.

18 **4.** Page 20, line 17: delete lines 17 to 22 and substitute:

19 “(28) “Referendum committee” means an entity that satisfies all of the
20 following:

21 (a) It satisfies either of the following:

22 1. It has the major purpose of making expenditures to support or defeat a
23 referendum, as specified in the entity’s organizational or governing documents, the

1 entity's bylaws, resolutions of the entity's governing body, or registration statements
2 filed by the entity under this chapter.

3 2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on
4 expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum. In this subdivision, total
5 spending does not include a committee's fundraising or administrative expenses.

6 (b) It is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any permanent
7 or temporary combination of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage.

8 (c) It does not receive contributions or make disbursements or contributions for
9 the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a candidate's nomination or
10 election.”.

11 **5.** Page 27, line 7: after that line insert:

12 “(5) NONRESIDENT REPORTING. Notwithstanding the reporting requirements
13 that would otherwise apply under this chapter, but subject to the applicable
14 thresholds for submitting reports, a committee that does not maintain an office or
15 a street address in this state shall submit reports on a form prescribed by the board
16 of all disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for a
17 state or local office in this state and contributions from sources in this state.”.

18 **6.** Page 52, line 13: delete that line.

19 **7.** Page 57, line 14: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

20 **8.** Page 58, line 12: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

21 **9.** Page 60, line 19: delete lines 19 to 23.

22 **10.** Page 65, line 23: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

23 **11.** Page 66, line 21: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

1 **12.** Page 83, line 17: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

2 **13.** Page 84, line 13: delete “\$5,000” and substitute “\$2,500”.

3 **14.** Page 90, line 8: after that line insert:

4 “(13) Contributions to an independent expenditure committee.”.

5 **15.** Page 103, line 22: delete the material beginning with that line and ending
6 with page 104, line 3, and substitute:

7 “(c) Every communication for express advocacy the cost of which exceeds \$2,500
8 and is paid for or reimbursed by any person, other than a committee, shall identify
9 its source by the words “Paid for by” followed by the name of the person.”.

10 **16.** Page 107, line 19: after “received.” insert “No information copied from
11 such reports and statements may be sold or utilized by any person for any commercial
12 purpose.”.

13 **17.** Page 124, line 6: after that line insert:

14 “(1m) RECONCILIATION PROVISION. If 2015 Assembly Bill 388 or 2015 Senate Bill
15 294 is enacted into law, the legislative reference bureau shall, when preparing the
16 statutes for publication, change the term “government accountability board” to
17 “ethics commission”; substitute “commission” for “board”; and make other changes
18 necessary to effect the terminology change in chapter 11 of the statutes. The
19 legislative reference bureau shall also identify and incorporate other changes that
20 are necessary to effect the reconciliation of this act and 2015 Assembly Bill 388 or
21 2015 Senate Bill 294.”.

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