



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 642

LCO No. 2196



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND
CAMPAIGN FINANCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 155 of the general statutes be amended to (1) define
2 "social media platform", (2) require that each social media platform
3 that displays, but does not create, an electioneering communication
4 promoting the success or defeat of any candidate provide a copy of
5 such communication to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
6 along with the name of a single point of contact for such
7 communication, and (3) provide that, for any such communication
8 created by the social media platform and displayed on such platform
9 during the ninety-day period immediately prior to a primary or
10 election, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such
11 communication is a contribution.

Statement of Purpose:

To regulate social media platforms for campaign finance purposes.