

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 727



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist. REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th Dist. REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require that, if the 2 treasurer of a candidate committee submits a contribution as part of an 3 application for a grant under the Citizens' Election Program and the 4 State Elections Enforcement Commission accordingly deems such 5 contribution not to be a qualifying contribution, said commission shall 6 return such contribution to such committee and such treasurer shall in turn refund such contribution to the contributor, (2) require said 7 8 commission to, prior to the day of an election, dismiss or issue a decision 9 on any complaint filed with said commission alleging violation of any 10 law relating to such election, (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, 11 provide that no appropriation from the General Fund may be made to 12 the Citizens' Election Fund until all outstanding reports required by law 13 to be submitted by said commission to the intended recipients are so

- 14 submitted, (4) provide that said commission shall be within the Office
- 15 of State Ethics, and (5) permit treasurers of candidate committees to
- 16 accept contributions through mobile applications.

Statement of Purpose:

To make several changes regarding the State Elections Enforcement Commission and campaign finance.