

A RESOLUTION

22-546

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 26, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to enhance the reporting requirements of political action committees and independent expenditure committees during nonelection years and to apply current contribution limitations to political action committees during nonelection years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There is a need to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to enhance the reporting requirements of political action committees and independent expenditure committees during nonelection years and to apply current contribution limitations to political action committees during nonelection years.

(b) On October 3, 2017, the Council passed the Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Emergency Amendment Act of 2017, effective October 24, 2017 (D.C. Act 22-166; 64 DCR 10800), which expired on January 22, 2018.

(c) On November 7, 2017, the Council passed the Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Temporary Amendment Act of 2017, effective January 17, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-42; 65 DCR 559) (“Temporary Act”), which will expire on August 30, 2018.

(d) This round of identical emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the Temporary Act and the incorporation of its provisions into permanent legislation forthcoming from the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.