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Synopsis: Campaign finance. Prohibits a foreign national from making a contribution in connection with a public question. Prohibits a political action committee from: (1) knowingly or willfully; and (2) directly or indirectly; accepting a contribution or expenditure from a prohibited source. Prohibits a foreign national from taking certain actions concerning a public question. Specifies reporting and disclosure requirements that apply to a political action committee and a person who makes an independent expenditure.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

February 13, 2025, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 17, 2025, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2012,
- 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 15. (a) "Contribution" means a donation (whether
- 4 characterized as an advance, a deposit, a gift, a loan, a subscription, or
- 5 a contract or promise to make a donation) of property (as defined in
- 6 IC 35-31.5-2-253) that satisfies both of the following:
- 7 (1) The donation is made for the purpose of influencing any of the
- 8 following:
- 9 (A) The nomination or election to office of a candidate.
- 10 (B) The election of delegates to a state constitutional
- 11 convention.
- 12 (C) The outcome of a public question.
- 13 (2) The donation is accepted by any of the following:
- 14 (A) A candidate.
- 15 (B) A candidate's committee.
- 16 (C) A regular party committee.
- 17 (D) A political action committee.

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- 1 (E) A legislative caucus committee.
- 2 (b) Whenever:
- 3 (1) funds are transferred from one (1) committee to another; or
- 4 (2) a donation of funds to influence an election on a public
- 5 question is accepted as a contribution;
- 6 the accepting committee is considered to be receiving a contribution in
- 7 the amount of the funds transferred.
- 8 (c) Whenever a candidate or a committee accepts the personal
- 9 services of a person whose compensation is being paid by a third
- 10 person, the candidate or committee is considered to be receiving a
- 11 contribution from the third person in the amount of the compensation
- 12 paid.
- 13 (d) **This subsection does not apply to a contribution described in**
- 14 **IC 3-9-2-11.5.** Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a candidate
- 15 or a committee accepts the personal services of a volunteer who is not
- 16 being compensated, the candidate or committee is not considered to be
- 17 receiving a contribution.
- 18 (e) **This subsection does not apply to a contribution described in**
- 19 **IC 3-9-2-11.5.** Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a political
- 20 action committee accepts a donation of:
- 21 (1) rent;
- 22 (2) office expenses;
- 23 (3) management fees;
- 24 (4) costs of solicitations of contributions; or
- 25 (5) other administrative costs;
- 26 the committee is not considered to be receiving a contribution.
- 27 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-2-25.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 28 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 29 1, 2025]: **Sec. 25.5. For purposes of IC 3-9-2-11.5, "foreign**
- 30 **national" has the meaning set forth in 52 U.S.C. 30121(b).**
- 31 SECTION 3. IC 3-5-2-27.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 32 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 33 1, 2025]: **Sec. 27.1. "Independent expenditure" means an**
- 34 **expenditure by a person expressly advocating the approval or**
- 35 **rejection of a public question.**
- 36 SECTION 4. IC 3-5-2-40.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 37 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 38 1, 2025]: **Sec. 40.2. For purposes of IC 3-9-2-11.5, "preliminary**
- 39 **activity" includes conducting a poll, drafting language for a public**
- 40 **question, the planning and use of a focus group, a telephone call, or**
- 41 **engaging in travel.**
- 42 SECTION 5. IC 3-5-2-40.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 40.4. "Prohibited source" is a foreign national.**

SECTION 6. IC 3-9-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015, SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. A committee must include in its statement of organization the following:

- (1) The name and address of the committee.
- (2) The purpose for which the committee is formed, unless the committee is a candidate's committee that identifies a specific office sought by the candidate.
- (3) The name and address of the chairman and treasurer.
- (4) If applicable, the name, address, office sought, and political party affiliation or independent status of each candidate whom the committee is supporting.
- (5) If the committee is a legislative caucus committee, political action committee, or regular party committee and is supporting the entire ticket of a political party, the name of the party.
- (6) If the committee is a political action committee supporting or opposing a public question, **the following:**
 - (A) A brief statement of the question supported or opposed.
 - (B) **A certification that no preliminary activity occurring before the filing of the statement was funded by a prohibited source.**
- (7) A listing of all banks, safety deposit boxes, and other depositories used.
- (8) Other information prescribed by the election division under IC 3-6-4.2-12(8).

SECTION 7. IC 3-9-1-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 24. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b),** the treasurer of a committee shall obtain and keep receipted bills, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment, stating the particulars for each expenditure made by or on behalf of a committee:

- (1) of more than twenty-five dollars (\$25); and
- (2) for a smaller amount, if the aggregate amount of the expenditures to the same person during a year exceeds twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(b) This subsection applies to a:

- (1) **political action committee that makes a contribution or expenditure; and**
- (2) **person who makes an independent expenditure; to influence an election on a public question. The treasurer of a political action committee or a person who makes an independent**



1 **expenditure shall obtain and keep receipted bills, cancelled checks,**
 2 **or other proof of payment, stating the particulars for each**
 3 **expenditure made by or on behalf of a committee or person.**

4 ~~(b)~~ **(c) The treasurer or a person who makes an independent**
 5 **expenditure** shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts required to
 6 be kept by this section for:

7 (1) three (3) years; or

8 (2) one (1) year after the date of dissolution of the committee;
 9 whichever occurs first.

10 SECTION 8. IC 3-9-1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 25. (a) A member of a committee
 12 that has appointed a treasurer in accordance with this chapter may
 13 solicit or receive contributions as long as the member immediately
 14 turns over the contributions without diminution to the treasurer of the
 15 committee, to be disbursed and accounted for by the treasurer as
 16 provided by this article. The treasurer shall show, in the treasurer's
 17 account and statement and in addition to the requirements of IC 3-9-5,
 18 through what member of the committee any contributions were
 19 received.

20 (b) A contribution is considered to be received and accepted by a
 21 committee when any member of the committee:

22 (1) has physical possession of the contribution; and

23 (2) manifests an intent to keep the contribution by depositing the
 24 contribution, subject to IC 3-9-5-14(c).

25 **(c) A treasurer of a political action committee shall, before**
 26 **accepting a contribution to influence an election on a public**
 27 **question, obtain from the person offering the contribution an**
 28 **affirmation that the person:**

29 **(1) is not a foreign national; and**

30 **(2) has not knowingly or willfully accepted contributions:**

31 **(A) that exceed, in the aggregate, fifty thousand dollars**
 32 **(\$50,000);**

33 **(B) from one (1) or more prohibited sources; and**

34 **(C) within the four (4) years preceding the date the**
 35 **contribution is offered by the person.**

36 SECTION 9. IC 3-9-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015,
 37 SECTION 146, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 11. A foreign national (as defined
 39 in 52 U.S.C. 30121(b)) may not make a contribution in connection
 40 with:

41 (1) an election;

42 (2) a convention; or



1 (3) a caucus in which a candidate is selected; **or**
 2 **(4) a public question;**
 3 under this title.

4 SECTION 10. IC 3-9-2-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 5 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2025]: **Sec. 11.5. (a) A political action committee may not:**

7 **(1) knowingly or willfully; and**
 8 **(2) directly or indirectly;**
 9 **accept a contribution or expenditure from a prohibited source.**

10 **(b) A foreign national may not direct, dictate, or control the**
 11 **decision-making process of a person with regard to that person's**
 12 **activity to influence a public question, such as a decision to make**
 13 **a contribution or expenditure to influence an election on a public**
 14 **question.**

15 **(c) A foreign national may not directly or indirectly solicit the**
 16 **making of a contribution or expenditure by another person to**
 17 **influence an election on a public question.**

18 **(d) This section does not create or eliminate a right or duty of a**
 19 **person regarding disclosure of information regarding a**
 20 **contribution or expenditure under this article.**

21 SECTION 11. IC 3-9-5-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 14. (a) As used in this**
 23 **section, "threshold contribution amount" refers to the following:**

24 **(1) For contributions made to a candidate's committee, a**
 25 **legislative caucus committee, or a political action committee, one**
 26 **hundred dollars (\$100).**

27 **(2) For contributions made to a regular party committee, two**
 28 **hundred dollars (\$200).**

29 **(b) The report of each committee's treasurer must disclose the**
 30 **following:**

31 **(1) The amount of cash on hand and the value of any investments**
 32 **made by the committee at the beginning of the reporting period.**

33 **(2) The total sum of individual contributions including**
 34 **transfers-in, accepted by the committee during its reporting**
 35 **period.**

36 **(3) The following information regarding each person who has**
 37 **made one (1) or more contributions within the year, in an**
 38 **aggregate amount that exceeds the threshold contribution amount**
 39 **in actual value to or for the committee, including the purchase of**
 40 **tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar**
 41 **fundraising events:**

42 **(A) The full name of the person.**



- 1 (B) The full mailing address of the person making the
- 2 contribution.
- 3 (C) The person's occupation, if the person is an individual who
- 4 has made contributions to the committee of at least one
- 5 thousand dollars (\$1,000) during the calendar year.
- 6 (D) The date and amount of each contribution.
- 7 (4) The name and address of each committee from which the
- 8 reporting committee received, or to which that committee made,
- 9 a transfer of funds, together with the amounts and dates of all
- 10 transfers.
- 11 (5) If the reporting committee is a candidate's committee, the
- 12 following information about each other committee that has
- 13 reported expenditures to the reporting candidate's committee
- 14 under section 15 of this chapter:
- 15 (A) The name and address of the other committee.
- 16 (B) The amount of expenditures reported by the other
- 17 committee.
- 18 (C) The date of the expenditures reported by the other
- 19 committee.
- 20 (D) The purpose of the expenditures reported by the other
- 21 committee.
- 22 (6) Each loan to or from a person within the reporting period
- 23 together with the following information:
- 24 (A) The full names and mailing addresses of the lender and
- 25 endorsers, if any.
- 26 (B) The person's occupation, if the person is an individual who
- 27 has made loans of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the
- 28 committee during the calendar year.
- 29 (C) The date and amount of the loans.
- 30 (7) The total sum of all receipts of the committee during the
- 31 reporting period.
- 32 (8) The full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal
- 33 place of business, if any, of each person other than a committee
- 34 to whom an expenditure was made by the committee or on behalf
- 35 of the committee within the year in an aggregate amount that:
- 36 (A) exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), in the case of a
- 37 candidate's committee, legislative caucus committee, or
- 38 political action committee; or
- 39 (B) exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200), in the case of a
- 40 regular party committee.
- 41 (9) The name, address, and office sought by each candidate for
- 42 whom any expenditure was made or a statement identifying the



public question for which any expenditure was made, including the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure.

(10) The full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, or reimbursed expenses was made within the year in an aggregate amount that:

(A) exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), in the case of a candidate's committee, legislative caucus committee, or political action committee; or

(B) exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200), in the case of a regular party committee;

and that is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date, and purpose of the expenditure.

(11) The total sum of expenditures made by the committee during the reporting period.

(12) The amount and nature of debts owed by or to the committee, and a continuous reporting of the debts after the election at the times required under this article until the debts are extinguished.

(c) If a committee:

(1) obtains a contribution;

(2) determines that the contribution should not be accepted by the committee; and

(3) does not receive and accept the contribution under IC 3-9-1-25(b);

the committee must return the contribution to the person who made the contribution. A returned contribution is not required to be listed on the report of the committee's treasurer. However, if the committee receives and deposits the contribution under IC 3-9-1-25(b) and subsequently determines that the contribution should be refunded, the receipt and refund of the contribution must be listed on the report of the committee's treasurer.

(d) A report filed by the treasurer of a political action committee under subsection (b) must include an affirmation by the treasurer that the person making a contribution of any amount:

(1) is not a foreign national; and

(2) has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted, whether directly or indirectly, contributions or expenditures:

(A) from prohibited sources;

(B) that exceed, in the aggregate, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

(C) within the four (4) years immediately preceding the



date the contribution is made.

SECTION 12. IC 3-9-5-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 18. **(a)** Each candidate shall file a statement that the candidate has turned over all contributions received by the candidate to the treasurer of the candidate's principal committee and that to the best of the candidate's knowledge and belief the reports of the candidate's committee are complete and accurate.

(b) Each political action committee shall file a statement with each report required under this chapter affirming that the committee has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted a contribution or an expenditure from a prohibited source.

SECTION 13. IC 3-9-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 9. Independent Expenditures.

Sec. 1. A person making an independent expenditure:

(1) that exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and

(2) regarding a public question;

shall, not later than forty-eight (48) hours after making the expenditure, file a report, using a form prescribed under IC 3-5-4-8, with the office required to receive reports under IC 3-9-5.

Sec. 2. The report filed under section 1 of this chapter must certify and affirm the following:

(1) The person has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted, whether directly or indirectly, contributions or expenditures:

(A) from prohibited sources;

(B) that exceed, in the aggregate, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

(C) within the four (4) year period immediately preceding the date of the independent expenditure.

(2) The person will not receive contributions or expenditures in the manner described in subdivision (1) during the remainder of the calendar year in which the public question will appear on the ballot.

Sec. 3. A determination by the commission or a county election board that a person who has filed a certification under section 2 of this chapter has accepted funds:

(1) from a prohibited source;



1 (2) in excess of the amount set forth in section 2 of this
2 chapter; and
3 (3) during the period described in section 2 of this chapter;
4 creates a presumption that the person has violated section 2 of this
5 chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1467, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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(E) A legislative caucus committee.

(b) Whenever:

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the accepting committee is considered to be receiving a contribution in the amount of the funds transferred.

(c) Whenever a candidate or a committee accepts the personal services of a person whose compensation is being paid by a third person, the candidate or committee is considered to be receiving a contribution from the third person in the amount of the compensation paid.

(d) This subsection does not apply to a contribution described in IC 3-9-2-11.5. Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a candidate or a committee accepts the personal services of a volunteer who is not being compensated, the candidate or committee is not considered to be receiving a contribution.



(e) **This subsection does not apply to a contribution described in IC 3-9-2-11.5.** Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a political action committee accepts a donation of:

- (1) rent;
- (2) office expenses;
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- (3) The name and address of the chairman and treasurer.
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- (5) If the committee is a legislative caucus committee, political action committee, or regular party committee and is supporting the entire ticket of a political party, the name of the party.



(6) If the committee is a political action committee supporting or opposing a public question, **the following:**

(A) A brief statement of the question supported or opposed.

(B) **A certification that no preliminary activity occurring before the filing of the statement was funded by a prohibited source.**

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(1) of more than twenty-five dollars (\$25); and

(2) for a smaller amount, if the aggregate amount of the expenditures to the same person during a year exceeds twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(b) This subsection applies to a:

(1) political action committee that makes a contribution or expenditure; and

(2) person who makes an independent expenditure;

to influence an election on a public question. The treasurer of a political action committee or a person who makes an independent expenditure shall obtain and keep receipted bills, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment, stating the particulars for each expenditure made by or on behalf of a committee or person.

~~(b)~~ (c) The treasurer **or a person who makes an independent expenditure** shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts required to be kept by this section for:

(1) three (3) years; or

(2) one (1) year after the date of dissolution of the committee; whichever occurs first.

SECTION 8. IC 3-9-1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 25. (a) A member of a committee that has appointed a treasurer in accordance with this chapter may solicit or receive contributions as long as the member immediately turns over the contributions without diminution to the treasurer of the committee, to be disbursed and accounted for by the treasurer as provided by this article. The treasurer shall show, in the treasurer's account and statement and in addition to the requirements of IC 3-9-5,



through what member of the committee any contributions were received.

(b) A contribution is considered to be received and accepted by a committee when any member of the committee:

- (1) has physical possession of the contribution; and
- (2) manifests an intent to keep the contribution by depositing the contribution, subject to IC 3-9-5-14(c).

(c) A treasurer of a political action committee shall, before accepting a contribution to influence an election on a public question, obtain from the person offering the contribution an affirmation that the person:

- (1) is not a foreign national; and**
- (2) has not knowingly or willfully accepted contributions:**
 - (A) that exceed, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);**
 - (B) from one (1) or more prohibited sources; and**
 - (C) within the four (4) years preceding the date the contribution is offered by the person."**

Page 1, after line 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. IC 3-9-2-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 11.5. (a) A political action committee may not:**

- (1) knowingly or willfully; and**
- (2) directly or indirectly;**

accept a contribution or expenditure from a prohibited source.

(b) A foreign national may not direct, dictate, or control the decision-making process of a person with regard to that person's activity to influence a public question, such as a decision to make a contribution or expenditure to influence an election on a public question.

(c) A foreign national may not directly or indirectly solicit the making of a contribution or expenditure by another person to influence an election on a public question.

(d) This section does not create or eliminate a right or duty of a person regarding disclosure of information regarding a contribution or expenditure under this article.

SECTION 11. IC 3-9-5-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section, "threshold contribution amount" refers to the following:**

- (1) For contributions made to a candidate's committee, a legislative caucus committee, or a political action committee, one**



hundred dollars (\$100).

(2) For contributions made to a regular party committee, two hundred dollars (\$200).

(b) The report of each committee's treasurer must disclose the following:

(1) The amount of cash on hand and the value of any investments made by the committee at the beginning of the reporting period.

(2) The total sum of individual contributions including transfers-in, accepted by the committee during its reporting period.

(3) The following information regarding each person who has made one (1) or more contributions within the year, in an aggregate amount that exceeds the threshold contribution amount in actual value to or for the committee, including the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events:

(A) The full name of the person.

(B) The full mailing address of the person making the contribution.

(C) The person's occupation, if the person is an individual who has made contributions to the committee of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) during the calendar year.

(D) The date and amount of each contribution.

(4) The name and address of each committee from which the reporting committee received, or to which that committee made, a transfer of funds, together with the amounts and dates of all transfers.

(5) If the reporting committee is a candidate's committee, the following information about each other committee that has reported expenditures to the reporting candidate's committee under section 15 of this chapter:

(A) The name and address of the other committee.

(B) The amount of expenditures reported by the other committee.

(C) The date of the expenditures reported by the other committee.

(D) The purpose of the expenditures reported by the other committee.

(6) Each loan to or from a person within the reporting period together with the following information:

(A) The full names and mailing addresses of the lender and endorsers, if any.



- (B) The person's occupation, if the person is an individual who has made loans of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the committee during the calendar year.
- (C) The date and amount of the loans.
- (7) The total sum of all receipts of the committee during the reporting period.
- (8) The full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person other than a committee to whom an expenditure was made by the committee or on behalf of the committee within the year in an aggregate amount that:
 - (A) exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), in the case of a candidate's committee, legislative caucus committee, or political action committee; or
 - (B) exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200), in the case of a regular party committee.
- (9) The name, address, and office sought by each candidate for whom any expenditure was made or a statement identifying the public question for which any expenditure was made, including the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure.
- (10) The full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, or reimbursed expenses was made within the year in an aggregate amount that:
 - (A) exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), in the case of a candidate's committee, legislative caucus committee, or political action committee; or
 - (B) exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200), in the case of a regular party committee;
 and that is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date, and purpose of the expenditure.
- (11) The total sum of expenditures made by the committee during the reporting period.
- (12) The amount and nature of debts owed by or to the committee, and a continuous reporting of the debts after the election at the times required under this article until the debts are extinguished.
- (c) If a committee:
 - (1) obtains a contribution;
 - (2) determines that the contribution should not be accepted by the committee; and
 - (3) does not receive and accept the contribution under IC 3-9-1-25(b);
 the committee must return the contribution to the person who made the



contribution. A returned contribution is not required to be listed on the report of the committee's treasurer. However, if the committee receives and deposits the contribution under IC 3-9-1-25(b) and subsequently determines that the contribution should be refunded, the receipt and refund of the contribution must be listed on the report of the committee's treasurer.

(d) A report filed by the treasurer of a political action committee under subsection (b) must include an affirmation by the treasurer that the person making a contribution of any amount:

- (1) is not a foreign national; and**
- (2) has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted, whether directly or indirectly, contributions or expenditures:**
 - (A) from prohibited sources;**
 - (B) that exceed, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and**
 - (C) within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date the contribution is made.**

SECTION 12. IC 3-9-5-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 18. **(a)** Each candidate shall file a statement that the candidate has turned over all contributions received by the candidate to the treasurer of the candidate's principal committee and that to the best of the candidate's knowledge and belief the reports of the candidate's committee are complete and accurate.

(b) Each political action committee shall file a statement with each report required under this chapter affirming that the committee has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted a contribution or an expenditure from a prohibited source.

SECTION 13. IC 3-9-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 9. Independent Expenditures.

Sec. 1. A person making an independent expenditure:

- (1) that exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and**
- (2) regarding a public question;**

shall, not later than forty-eight (48) hours after making the expenditure, file a report, using a form prescribed under IC 3-5-4-8, with the office required to receive reports under IC 3-9-5.

Sec. 2. The report filed under section 1 of this chapter must



certify and affirm the following:

- (1) The person has not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted, whether directly or indirectly, contributions or expenditures:
 - (A) from prohibited sources;
 - (B) that exceed, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and
 - (C) within the four (4) year period immediately preceding the date of the independent expenditure.
- (2) The person will not receive contributions or expenditures in the manner described in subdivision (1) during the remainder of the calendar year in which the public question will appear on the ballot.

Sec. 3. A determination by the commission or a county election board that a person who has filed a certification under section 2 of this chapter has accepted funds:

- (1) from a prohibited source;
 - (2) in excess of the amount set forth in section 2 of this chapter; and
 - (3) during the period described in section 2 of this chapter;
- creates a presumption that the person has violated section 2 of this chapter."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1467 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 1.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1467 be amended to read as follows:

- Page 4, line 31, delete "one hundred" and insert "**fifty**".
- Page 4, line 32, delete "(\$100,000);" and insert "**(\$50,000);**".
- Page 7, line 40, delete "one hundred" and insert "**fifty**".
- Page 7, line 41, delete "(\$100,000);" and insert "**(\$50,000);**".
- Page 8, line 31, delete "one hundred" and insert "**fifty**".

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Page 8, line 32, delete "(\$100,000);" and insert "**(\$50,000);**".

(Reference is to HB 1467 as printed February 13, 2025.)

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