An act to amend Section 9084 of the Elections Code, and to amend Sections 81004, 82015, 82048.7, 84105, and 88001 of, and to add Sections 84222 and 84223 to, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST


(1) Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures, as defined, and imposing other reporting and recordkeeping requirements on campaign committees, as defined. The Fair Political Practices Commission administers and enforces the act. A violation of the act’s provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

This bill would revise the definition of “contribution” to include certain payments made by a person to a multipurpose organization, as specified.

This bill would require multipurpose organizations that meet specified criteria to comply with the registration and campaign reporting
requirements of the act, as specified, including the disclosure of information relating to the organization’s donors.

This bill would require state ballot measure committees and state candidate committees that raise $1,000,000 or more for an election to maintain an accurate list of the committee’s top 10 contributors. This bill would require a committee to provide accurate lists of these contributors to the Commission, and would require the Commission to post the top 10 contributor lists on its Internet Web site, as specified, and to post updates to those lists when prescribed events occur. The bill would require the Commission to provide copies of the top 10 contributor lists to the Secretary of State, at the Secretary of State’s request, for purposes of posting those lists on the Secretary of State’s Internet Web site.

(2) The act requires a candidate or committee that receives contributions of $5,000 or more from any person to inform the contributor within 2 weeks that he or she may be subject to the act’s reporting requirements.

This bill would require that the candidate or committee inform the contributor within one week for a contribution of $10,000 or more received during the period in which late contribution reports must be filed. The bill would also require the notifications to reference the reporting requirements for multipurpose organizations.

(3) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to prepare a ballot pamphlet that includes specified information with respect to an election.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to include in the ballot pamphlet a written explanation of the top 10 contributor lists required by the bill, including a description of the Internet Web sites where those lists would be available to the public.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(5) The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act’s purposes upon a 2/3 vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

State-mandated local program: yes.
The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Multipurpose organizations, including out-of-state organizations, are increasing their political activities in California, and it is important to clarify how disclosure requirements apply to these organizations to ensure that the public receives the required information in an accurate, timely, and transparent manner.

(b) The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in California Pro-Life Council, Inc. v. Randolph (9th Cir. 2007) 507 F.3d 1172, upheld the disclosure of a multipurpose organization’s political activities, as required by regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

(c) The disclosure of donors to multipurpose organizations that make contributions or expenditures to support or oppose California candidates and ballot measures serves the following important purposes:
   (1) It provides the electorate with information as to where campaign money comes from, increasing its ability to identify the supporters of a candidate or ballot measure.
   (2) It deters actual corruption and avoids the appearance of corruption by providing increased transparency of contributions and expenditures.
   (3) It is an important means of gathering the information necessary to detect violations of the Political Reform Act of 1974.
   (d) The people of California have a compelling interest in receiving clear and easy to use information about who is financing state ballot measures and candidate independent expenditure committees.

(e) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to strengthen the laws requiring the disclosure of contributions and expenditures in California elections by multipurpose organizations and to require committees that raise or spend one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more to support or oppose state ballot measures or make independent expenditures on behalf of a state candidate to disclose a list of their top 10 contributors on the Internet Web site of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

SEC. 2. Section 9084 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

9084. The ballot pamphlet shall contain all of the following:
(a) A complete copy of each state measure.

(b) A copy of the specific constitutional or statutory provision, if any, that each state measure would repeal or revise.

(c) A copy of the arguments and rebuttals for and against each state measure.

(d) A copy of the analysis of each state measure.

(e) Tables of contents, indexes, art work, graphics, and other materials that the Secretary of State determines will make the ballot pamphlet easier to understand or more useful for the average voter.

(f) A notice, conspicuously printed on the cover of the ballot pamphlet, indicating that additional copies of the ballot pamphlet will be mailed by the county elections official upon request.

(g) A written explanation of the judicial retention procedure as required by Section 9083.

(h) The Voter Bill of Rights pursuant to Section 2300.

(i) If the ballot contains an election for the office of United States Senator, information on candidates for United States Senator. A candidate for United States Senator may purchase the space to place a statement in the state ballot pamphlet that does not exceed 250 words. The statement may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate. The statement shall be submitted in accordance with timeframes and procedures set forth by the Secretary of State for the preparation of the state ballot pamphlet.

(j) If the ballot contains a question on the confirmation or retention of a justice of the Supreme Court, information on justices of the Supreme Court who are subject to confirmation or retention.

(k) If the ballot contains an election for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, a notice that refers voters to the Secretary of State’s Internet Web site for information about candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.

(l) A written explanation of the appropriate election procedures for party-nominated, voter-nominated, and nonpartisan offices as required by Section 9083.5.

(m) A written explanation of the top 10 contributor lists required by Section 84223 of the Government Code, including a description of the Internet Web sites where those lists are available to the public.

SEC. 3. Section 81004 of the Government Code is amended to read:
81004. (a) Each report or statement filed under this title shall be signed under penalty of perjury and verified by the filer. The verification shall state that the filer has used all reasonable diligence in the preparation of the report or statement and that to the best of his or her knowledge it is true and complete.

(b) A report or statement filed by a committee that qualifies under subdivision (a) of Section 82013 shall be signed and verified by the treasurer, and a report or statement filed by any other person shall be signed and verified by the filer. If the filer is an entity other than an individual, the report or statement shall be signed and verified by a responsible officer of the entity or by an attorney or a certified public accountant acting as agent for the entity. A report or statement filed by a committee that qualifies under subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 82013 shall be signed and verified by a responsible officer of the committee. Every person who signs and verifies any report or statement required to be filed under this title which contains material matter which he or she knows to be false is guilty of perjury.

SEC. 3. Section 82015 of the Government Code is amended to read:

82015. (a) “Contribution” means a payment, a forgiveness of a loan, a payment of a loan by a third party, or an enforceable promise to make a payment except to the extent that full and adequate consideration is received, unless it is clear from the surrounding circumstances that it is not made for political purposes.

(b) (1) A payment made at the behest of a committee as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 82013 is a contribution to the committee unless full and adequate consideration is received from the committee for making the payment.

(2) A payment made at the behest of a candidate is a contribution to the candidate unless the criteria in either subparagraph (A) or (B) are satisfied:

(A) Full and adequate consideration is received from the candidate.

(B) It is clear from the surrounding circumstances that the payment was made for purposes unrelated to his or her candidacy for elective office. The following types of payments are presumed to be for purposes unrelated to a candidate’s candidacy for elective office:
A payment made principally for personal purposes, in which case it may be considered a gift under the provisions of Section 82028. Payments that are otherwise subject to the limits of Section 86203 are presumed to be principally for personal purposes.

(ii) A payment made by a state, local, or federal governmental agency or by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(iii) A payment not covered by clause (i), made principally for legislative, governmental, or charitable purposes, in which case it is neither a gift nor a contribution. However, payments of this type that are made at the behest of a candidate who is an elected officer shall be reported within 30 days following the date on which the payment or payments equal or exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000) in the aggregate from the same source in the same calendar year in which they are made. The report shall be filed by the elected officer with the elected officer’s agency and shall be a public record subject to inspection and copying pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 81008. The report shall contain the following information: name of payor, address of payor, amount of the payment, date or dates the payment or payments were made, the name and address of the payee, a brief description of the goods or services provided or purchased, if any, and a description of the specific purpose or event for which the payment or payments were made. Once the five-thousand-dollar ($5,000) aggregate threshold from a single source has been reached for a calendar year, all payments for the calendar year made by that source must be disclosed within 30 days after the date the threshold was reached or the payment was made, whichever occurs later. Within 30 days after receipt of the report, state agencies shall forward a copy of these reports to the Fair Political Practices Commission, and local agencies shall forward a copy of these reports to the officer with whom elected officers of that agency file their campaign statements.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B), a payment is made for purposes related to a candidate’s candidacy for elective office if all or a portion of the payment is used for election-related activities. For purposes of this subparagraph, “election-related activities” shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
(i) Communications that contain express advocacy of the nomination or election of the candidate or the defeat of his or her opponent.

(ii) Communications that contain reference to the candidate’s candidacy for elective office, the candidate’s election campaign, or the candidate’s or his or her opponent’s qualifications for elective office.

(iii) Solicitation of contributions to the candidate or to third persons for use in support of the candidate or in opposition to his or her opponent.

(iv) Arranging, coordinating, developing, writing, distributing, preparing, or planning of any communication or activity described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

(v) Recruiting or coordinating campaign activities of campaign volunteers on behalf of the candidate.

(vi) Preparing campaign budgets.

(vii) Preparing campaign finance disclosure statements.

(viii) Communications directed to voters or potential voters as part of activities encouraging or assisting persons to vote if the communication contains express advocacy of the nomination or election of the candidate or the defeat of his or her opponent.

(D) A contribution made at the behest of a candidate for a different candidate or to a committee not controlled by the behesting candidate is not a contribution to the behesting candidate.

(3) A payment made at the behest of a member of the Public Utilities Commission, made principally for legislative, governmental, or charitable purposes, is not a contribution. However, payments of this type shall be reported within 30 days following the date on which the payment or payments equal or exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000) in the aggregate from the same source in the same calendar year in which they are made. The report shall be filed by the member with the Public Utilities Commission and shall be a public record subject to inspection and copying pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 81008. The report shall contain the following information: name of payor, address of payor, amount of the payment, date or dates the payment or payments were made, the name and address of the payee, a brief description of the goods or services provided or purchased, if any, and a description of the specific purpose or event for which the payment or payments were made. Once the five-thousand-dollar
($5,000) aggregate threshold from a single source has been reached for a calendar year, all payments for the calendar year made by that source must be disclosed within 30 days after the date the threshold was reached or the payment was made, whichever occurs later. Within 30 days after receipt of the report, the Public Utilities Commission shall forward a copy of these reports to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

(c) “Contribution” includes the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events; the candidate’s own money or property used on behalf of his or her candidacy other than personal funds of the candidate used to pay either a filing fee for a declaration of candidacy or a candidate statement prepared pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code; the granting of discounts or rebates not extended to the public generally or the granting of discounts or rebates by television and radio stations and newspapers not extended on an equal basis to all candidates for the same office; the payment of compensation by any person for the personal services or expenses of any other person if the services are rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of a candidate or committee without payment of full and adequate consideration.

(d) “Contribution” further includes any transfer of anything of value received by a committee from another committee, unless full and adequate consideration is received.

(e) “Contribution” does not include amounts received pursuant to an enforceable promise to the extent those amounts have been previously reported as a contribution. However, the fact that those amounts have been received shall be indicated in the appropriate campaign statement.

(f) “Contribution” does not include a payment made by an occupant of a home or office for costs related to any meeting or fundraising event held in the occupant’s home or office if the costs for the meeting or fundraising event are five hundred dollars ($500) or less.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing definition of “contribution,” the term does not include volunteer personal services or payments made by any individual for his or her own travel expenses if the payments are made voluntarily without any understanding or agreement that they shall be, directly or indirectly, repaid to him or her.
(h) “Contribution” further includes the payment of public moneys by a state or local governmental agency for a communication to the public that satisfies both of the following:

1. The communication expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a clearly identified measure, or, taken as a whole and in context, unambiguously urges a particular result in an election.

2. The communication is made at the behest of the affected candidate or committee.

(i) “Contribution” further includes a payment made by a person to a multipurpose organization as defined and described in Section 84222.

SEC. 4. Section 82048.7 of the Government Code is amended to read:

82048.7. (a) “Sponsored committee” means a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee, that has one or more sponsors. Any person, except a candidate or other individual, may sponsor a committee.

(b) A person sponsors a committee if any of the following apply:

1. The committee receives 80 percent or more of its contributions from the person or its members, officers, employees, or shareholders.

2. The person collects contributions for the committee by use of payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or employees.

3. The person, alone or in combination with other organizations, provides all or nearly all of the administrative services for the committee.

4. The person, alone or in combination with other organizations, sets the policies for soliciting contributions or making expenditures of committee funds.

(c) A sponsor that is subject to the reporting requirements of subdivision (f) of Section 84222 and makes contributions or expenditures from the sponsor’s treasury funds shall report those contributions or expenditures either on the campaign statements of the sponsored committee, pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 84222, or on the sponsor’s own campaign statements.

(c) A sponsor that is a multipurpose organization, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 84222, and that makes contributions
or expenditures from its general treasury funds shall comply with Section 84222.

SEC. 5. Section 84105 of the Government Code is amended to read:

84105. A candidate or committee that receives contributions of five thousand dollars ($5,000) or more from any person shall inform the contributor within two weeks of receipt of the contributions that he or she may be required to file campaign reports, and shall include a reference to the filing requirements for multipurpose organizations under Section 84222. However, a candidate or committee that receives a contribution of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or more from any person during any period in which late contribution reports are required to be filed pursuant to Section 84203 shall provide the information to the contributor within one week. The notification required by this section is not required to be sent to any contributor who has an identification number assigned by the Secretary of State issued pursuant to Section 84101.

SEC. 6. Section 84222 is added to the Government Code, to read:

84222. (a) For purposes of this title, “multipurpose organization” means an organization described in Sections 501(c)(3) to 501(c)(10), inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code and that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, a federal or out-of-state political organization, a trade association, a professional association, a civic organization, a religious organization, a fraternal society, an educational institution, or any other association or group of persons acting in concert, that is operating for purposes other than making contributions or expenditures. “Multipurpose organization” does not include a business entity, an individual, or a federal candidate’s authorized committee, as defined in Section 431 of Title 2 of the United States Code, that is registered and filing reports pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(b) A multipurpose organization that makes expenditures or contributions and does not qualify as a committee pursuant to subdivision (c) may qualify as an independent expenditure committee or major donor committee if the multipurpose organization satisfies subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 82013.
(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5), a multipurpose organization is a recipient committee within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 82013 only under one or more of the following circumstances:

(A) The multipurpose organization is a political committee registered with the Federal Election Commission, except as provided in subdivision (a) of this section, or a political committee registered with another state, and the multipurpose organization makes contributions or expenditures in this state in an amount equal to or greater than the amount identified in subdivision (a) of Section 82013.

(B) The multipurpose organization solicits and receives payments from donors in an amount equal to or greater than the amount identified in subdivision (a) of Section 82013 for the purpose of making contributions or expenditures.

(C) The multipurpose organization accepts payments from donors in an amount equal to or greater than the amount identified in subdivision (a) of Section 82013 subject to a condition, agreement, or understanding with the donor that all or a portion of the payments may be used for making contributions or expenditures.

(D) The multipurpose organization has existing funds from a donor and a subsequent agreement or understanding is reached with the donor that all or a portion of the funds may be used for making contributions or expenditures in an amount equal to or greater than the amount identified in subdivision (a) of Section 82013. The date of the subsequent agreement or understanding is deemed to be the date of receipt of the payment.

(E) The multipurpose organization makes contributions or expenditures totaling more than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in the preceding period of 12 months or more than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in any consecutive four calendar year period.

(2) (A) A multipurpose organization shall not qualify as a committee within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 82013...
pursuant to this subdivision paragraph if the multipurpose organization makes contributions or expenditures using only available nondonor funds. A multipurpose organization that makes contributions or expenditures with nondonor funds shall identify briefly describe the source or sources of the funds used for the contribution or expenditure on its major donor or independent expenditure report.

(B) For purposes of this subdivision paragraph, “nondonor funds” means investment income, including capital gains, or income earned from providing goods, services, or facilities, whether related or unrelated to the multipurpose organization’s program, sale of assets, or other receipts that are not derived from donations.

(d) A multipurpose organization that is a committee pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall comply with the registration and reporting requirements of this chapter, subject to the following:

(1) The multipurpose organization is not required to comply with subdivision (k) of Section 84211 for contributions and expenditures made to influence federal or out-of-state elections, which shall instead be reported as a single expenditure and be described as such on the campaign statement.

(2) A multipurpose organization registered with the Federal Election Commission is not subject to subdivisions (d) and (f) of Section 84211 but shall disclose the total amount of contributions received pursuant to subdivision (e) (a) of Section 84211, and shall disclose the multipurpose organization’s name and identification number registered with the Federal Election Commission on the campaign statement.

(e) (1) A multipurpose organization that is a committee pursuant to subparagraph (B), (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (1) paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subdivision (c) shall comply with the registration and reporting requirements of this chapter, subject to the following, except that if the multipurpose organization is the sponsor of a committee as described in subdivision (f) it may report required information on its sponsored committee statement pursuant to subdivision (f):

(A) The multipurpose organization shall register in the calendar year in which it satisfies any of the criteria in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c).
Section 84101 shall indicate that the organization is filing pursuant to this section as a multipurpose organization and state the organization’s nonprofit tax exempt status, if any. The statement of organization shall also describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities, and describe the organization’s political activities. A multipurpose organization may comply with the requirement to describe the mission or significant activities and political activities by referencing where the organization’s Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax form may be accessed.

(B) Except as provided in this subparagraph, the registration of a multipurpose organization that meets the criteria of paragraph (E) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) shall terminate automatically on December 31 of the calendar year in which the multipurpose organization is registered. The multipurpose organization shall not be required to file a semiannual statement pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 84200, unless the multipurpose organization has undisclosed contributions or expenditures to report, in which case termination shall occur automatically upon filing the semiannual statement that is due no later than January 31. After the multipurpose organization’s registration has terminated, the multipurpose organization’s reporting obligations are complete, unless the organization qualifies as a committee for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 82013 again in the following calendar year pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section. Notwithstanding this subdivision, a multipurpose organization may elect to remain registered as a committee by submitting written notification to the Secretary of State prior to the end of the calendar year.

(C) A multipurpose organization shall report all contributions received that satisfy the criteria of subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (4) paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of subdivision (c) of this section in the manner required by subdivision (f) of Section 84211, and for the balance of its contributions or expenditures shall further report contributors based on a last in, first out accounting method.

(2) A multipurpose organization reporting pursuant to this subdivision shall disclose total contributions received in an amount equal to the multipurpose organization’s total contributions and expenditures made in the reporting period. When a multipurpose
organization reports donors based on the last in, first out accounting
method, it shall attribute to and include the information required
by subdivision (f) of Section 84211 for any donor who donates
one thousand dollars ($1,000) or more in a calendar year, except
for the following:
   (A) A donor who conditions the donation in a manner that
   prohibits the multipurpose organization from using the donation
   for contributions and expenditures.
   (A) A donor who designates or restricts the donation for
   purposes other than contributions or expenditures.
   (B) A donor who prohibits the multipurpose organization’s use
   of its donation for contributions or expenditures.
   (B)
   (C) A private foundation, as defined by subdivision (a) of
   Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code, that provides a grant
   that does not constitute a taxable expenditure for purposes of
   paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 4945 of the
   Internal Revenue Code.
   (3) A multipurpose organization that is a committee pursuant
   to subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall not
   be required to report contributions or expenditures received, or
disclose the donors for those contributions or expenditures, if the
contributions or expenditures were made in any prior calendar year
in which the multipurpose organization did not qualify as a
committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of
subdivision (c).
   (3) A multipurpose organization that qualifies as a committee
pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) shall not be required
to include contributions or expenditures made in a prior calendar
year on the reports filed for the calendar year in which the
multipurpose organization qualifies as a committee.
   (4) A contributor identified and reported in the manner provided
in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) that is a multipurpose
organization and receives contributions that satisfy the criteria in
subdivision (c) shall be subject to the requirements of this
subdivision.
   (5) The commission shall adopt regulations establishing notice
requirements and reasonable filing deadlines for donors reported
as contributors based on the last in, first out accounting method.
(f) A multipurpose organization that is the sponsor of a committee as defined in Section 82048.7, that is a membership organization, and that makes all of its contributions and expenditures from funds derived from dues, assessments, fees, and similar payments that do not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000) per calendar year from a single source shall, and that elects to report its contributions and expenditures on its sponsored committee’s campaign statement pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) shall report as follows:

(1) The sponsored committee shall report all contributions and expenditures made from the sponsor’s treasury funds on statements and reports filed by the committee. The sponsor shall use a last in, first out accounting method and disclose the information required by subdivision (f) of Section 84211 for any person who pays dues, assessments, fees, or similar payments of one thousand dollars ($1,000) or more to the sponsor’s treasury funds in a calendar year and shall disclose all contributions and expenditures made, as required by subdivision (k) of Section 84211, on the sponsored committee’s campaign statements.

(2) The sponsored committee shall report all other contributions and expenditures in support of the committee by the sponsor, its intermediate units, and the members of those intermediate units entities. A sponsoring organization makes contributions and expenditures in support of its sponsored committee when it provides the committee with money from its treasury funds, with the exception of establishment or administrative costs. With respect to dues, assessments, fees, and similar payments channeled through the sponsor or an intermediate unit to a sponsored committee, the original source of the dues, assessments, fees, and similar payments is the contributor.

(3) A responsible officer of the sponsor, as well as the treasurer of the sponsored committee, shall verify the committee’s campaign statement pursuant to Section 81004.

(g) For purposes of this section, “last in, first out accounting method” means an accounting method by which contributions and expenditures are attributed to the multipurpose organization’s contributors in reverse chronological order beginning with the most recent of its contributors or, if there are any prior contributions or expenditures, beginning with the most recent contributor for which unattributed contributions remain.
SEC. 7. Section 84223 is added to the Government Code, to read:

84223. (a) A committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state ballot measure or state candidate that raises one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more for an election shall maintain an accurate list of the committee’s top 10 contributors, as specified by Commission regulations. A current list of the top 10 contributors shall be provided to the Commission for disclosure on the Commission’s Internet Web site, as provided in subdivision (c).

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (4), the list of top 10 contributors shall identify the names of the 10 persons who have made the largest cumulative contributions to the committee, the total amount of each person’s contributions, the city and state of the person, the person’s committee identification number, if any, and any other information deemed necessary by the Commission. If any of the top 10 contributors identified on the list are committees pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 82013, the Commission may require, by regulation, that the list also identify the top 10 contributors to those contributing committees.

(2) (A) A committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state ballot measure shall count the cumulative amount of contributions received by the committee from a person for the period beginning 12 months prior to the date the committee made its first expenditure to qualify, support, or oppose the measure and ending with the current date.

(B) A committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate shall count the cumulative amount of contributions received by the committee from a person for the primary and general elections combined.

(3) The aggregation rules of Section 85311 and any implementing regulations adopted by the Commission shall apply in identifying the persons who have made the top 10 cumulative contributions to a committee.

(4) A person who makes contributions to a committee in a cumulative amount of less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall not be identified or disclosed as a top 10 contributor to a committee pursuant to this section.

(c) (1) The Commission shall adopt regulations to govern the manner in which the Commission shall display top 10 contributor lists provided by a committee that is subject to this section, and
the Commission shall post the top 10 contributor lists on its Internet Web site in the manner prescribed by those regulations. The Commission shall provide the top 10 contributor lists to the Secretary of State, upon the request of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of additionally posting the contributor lists on the Secretary of State’s Internet Web site.

(2) A committee shall provide an updated top 10 contributor list to the Commission when any of the following occurs:

(A) A new person qualifies as a top 10 contributor to the committee.

(B) A person who is an existing top 10 contributor makes additional contributions to the committee.

(C) A change occurs that alters the relative ranking order of the top 10 contributors.

(3) The 10 persons who have made the largest cumulative contributions to a committee shall be listed in order from largest contribution amount to smallest amount. If two or more contributors of identical amounts meet the threshold for inclusion in the list of top 10 contributors, the order of disclosure shall be made beginning with the most recent contributor of that amount.

(4) The Commission shall post or update a top 10 contributor list within five business days or, during the 16 days before the election, within 48 hours of a contributor qualifying for the list or of any change to the list.

(d) In listing the top 10 contributors, a committee shall use reasonable efforts to identify and state the actual individuals or corporations that are the true sources of the contributions made to the committee from other persons or committees.

(e) In addition to any other lists that the Commission is required to post on its Internet Web site, the Commission shall compile, maintain, and display on its Internet Web site a current list of the top 10 contributors supporting and opposing each state ballot measure, as prescribed by Commission regulations.

SEC. 8. Section 88001 of the Government Code is amended to read:

88001. The ballot pamphlet shall contain all of the following:

(a) A complete copy of each state measure.

(b) A copy of the specific constitutional or statutory provision, if any, that would be repealed or revised by each state measure.
(c) A copy of the arguments and rebuttals for and against each state measure.
(d) A copy of the analysis of each state measure.
(e) Tables of contents, indexes, art work, graphics, and other materials that the Secretary of State determines will make the ballot pamphlet easier to understand or more useful for the average voter.
(f) A notice, conspicuously printed on the cover of the ballot pamphlet, indicating that additional copies of the ballot pamphlet will be mailed by the county elections official upon request.
(g) A written explanation of the judicial retention procedure as required by Section 9083 of the Elections Code.
(h) The Voter Bill of Rights pursuant to Section 2300 of the Elections Code.
(i) If the ballot contains an election for the office of United States Senator, information on candidates for United States Senator. A candidate for United States Senator may purchase the space to place a statement in the state ballot pamphlet that does not exceed 250 words. The statement may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate. The statement shall be submitted in accordance with timeframes and procedures set forth by the Secretary of State for the preparation of the state ballot pamphlet.
(j) If the ballot contains a question as to the confirmation or retention of a justice of the Supreme Court, information on justices of the Supreme Court who are subject to confirmation or retention.
(k) If the ballot contains an election for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, a notice that refers voters to the Secretary of State’s Internet Web site for information about candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.
(l) A written explanation of the appropriate election procedures for party-nominated, voter-nominated, and nonpartisan offices as required by Section 9083.5 of the Elections Code.
(m) A written explanation of the top 10 contributor lists required by Section 84223, including a description of the Internet Web sites where those lists are available to the public.

SEC. 9. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIXB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
Constitution.

SEC. 10. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill
furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within
the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
Code.