

Assembly Bill No. 1085

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this ____ day
of _____, 1995, at ____ o'clock __M.

Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER ____

An act to amend Section 82047.5 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1085, Martinez. Political Reform Act of 1974: committees.

Under existing provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, specified persons, including candidates, individuals, and organizations that meet the definition of “committee” must file periodic reports itemizing certain campaign contributions they receive and contributions and expenditures they make. The act also sets forth specific campaign reporting requirements unique to certain types of committees. One type of committee subject to specific campaign reporting requirements under the act is a “primarily formed committee” which, among other things, is a committee that is formed or exists primarily to support or oppose either a group of specific candidates being voted upon in the same city or county election, or two or more ballot measures being voted upon in the same city, county, or state election. A committee that is formed or exists primarily to support or oppose either a group of specific candidates in the same election that takes place in more than one county, or two or more measures being voted upon in the same city, county, or state election, is not a “primarily formed committee” and thus not subject to the reporting requirements for those types of committees.

This bill would provide that committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose either a group of candidates in the same multicounty election, or two or more measures being voted upon in the same city, county, or state election, is also a “primarily formed committee.”

Existing law makes a violation of the act subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.



This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by imposing these penalties on certain persons who violate the provisions of the bill.

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.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with the specified procedural requirements.

This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act, would therefor require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 82047.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

82047.5. "Primarily formed committee" means a committee pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 82013 which is formed or exists primarily to support or oppose any of the following:

- (a) A single candidate.
- (b) A single measure.
- (c) A group of specific candidates being voted upon in the same city, county, or multicounty election.
- (d) Two or more measures being voted upon in the same city, county, multicounty, or state election.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B 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.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the provisions of this act further the purpose of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code.



Approved _____, 1995

Governor

