



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3056

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8

from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a "candidate political committee", "political action committee", "ballot initiative committee", or "independent expenditure committee" means a committee that makes contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 (now, exceeding \$3,000) on behalf of a candidate, on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate, or related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors, respectively. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 9-1.8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)
7 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

8 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political
9 committee, a political party committee, a political action
10 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent
11 expenditure committee.

12 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate
13 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,
14 corporation, or other organization or group of persons
15 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes
16 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
17 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of the candidate.

18 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central
19 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a
20 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee
21 formed by a ward or township committeeman of a political party.
22 For purposes of this Article, a "legislative caucus committee"
23 means a committee established for the purpose of electing

1 candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected
2 President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House
4 of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more
5 members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members
6 of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

7 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,
8 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or
9 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,
10 political party, candidate political committee, or political
11 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes
12 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
13 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of or in opposition to a
14 candidate or candidates for public office. "Political action
15 committee" includes any natural person, trust, partnership,
16 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or
17 group of persons, other than a candidate, political party,
18 candidate political committee, or political party committee,
19 that makes electioneering communications during any 12-month
20 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ related
21 to any candidate or candidates for public office.

22 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural
23 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,
24 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
25 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any
26 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~

1 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy
2 to be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"
3 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
4 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
5 persons that makes electioneering communications during any
6 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
7 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the
8 voters. The \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ threshold applies to any
9 contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose
10 of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or
11 passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication
12 regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the
13 method of initiation of the question of public policy and
14 regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed
15 with the appropriate office or whether the question has been
16 adopted and certified by the governing body.

17 (f) "Independent expenditure committee" means any trust,
18 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other
19 organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive
20 purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month
21 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ in
22 support of or in opposition to (i) the nomination for election,
23 election, retention, or defeat of any public official or
24 candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted
25 to the electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also
26 includes any trust, partnership, committee, association,

1 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
2 makes electioneering communications that are not made in
3 connection, consultation, or concert with or at the request or
4 suggestion of a public official or candidate, a public
5 official's or candidate's designated political committee or
6 campaign, or an agent or agents of the public official,
7 candidate, or political committee or campaign during any
8 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
9 related to (i) the nomination for election, election,
10 retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or
11 (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the
12 voters.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.