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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING: CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS

House Bill 5578

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Switalski

Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics

Complete to 8-23-00

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5578 AS INTRODUCED 4-12-00

The Michigan Campaign Finance Act defines, among other terms, “committee.” “Committee” means “a person who receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question,” if the contributions or expenditures total \$500 or more in a calendar year. The bill would amend the act to include under the definition of “committee” “a nonprofit corporation or charitable foundation established by or named after a candidate or an elected official” and require such nonprofit corporations or charitable foundations to file campaign statements in the same manner as a candidate committee under the act.

MCL 169.203 and 169.233

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