

HOUSE BILL No. 6600

November 9, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Jones and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending sections 2, 5, and 11 (MCL 169.202, 169.205, and 169.211), section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 250, section 5 as amended by 1999 PA 237, and section 11 as amended by 1996 PA 590, and by adding section 48.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. (1) "AUTOMATED TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION" MEANS ANY
2 OUTBOUND TELEPHONE CALL THAT PLAYS A RECORDED MESSAGE TO PROMOTE,
3 ADVERTISE, OR CAMPAIGN FOR OR AGAINST A POLITICAL CANDIDATE OR A
4 POLITICAL ISSUE.

5 (2) ~~—(1)—~~ "Award" means a plaque, trophy, certificate, bust,

1 ceremonial gavel, or memento.

2 (3) ~~—(2)—~~ "Ballot question" means a question that is submitted
3 or is intended to be submitted to a popular vote at an election
4 whether or not it qualifies for the ballot.

5 (4) ~~—(3)—~~ "Ballot question committee" means a committee acting
6 in support of, or in opposition to, the qualification, passage, or
7 defeat of a ballot question but that does not receive contributions
8 or make expenditures or contributions for the purpose of
9 influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for
10 or against the nomination or election of a candidate.

11 (5) ~~—(4)—~~ "Bundle" means for a bundling committee to deliver 1
12 or more contributions from individuals to the candidate committee
13 of a candidate for statewide elective office, without the money
14 becoming money of the bundling committee.

15 (6) ~~—(5)—~~ "Bundling committee" means an independent committee
16 or political committee that makes an expenditure to solicit or
17 collect from individuals contributions that are to be part of a
18 bundled contribution, which expenditure is required to be reported
19 as an in-kind expenditure for a candidate for statewide elective
20 office.

21 (7) ~~—(6)—~~ "Business" means a corporation, limited liability
22 company, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise,
23 franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual,
24 holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust,
25 activity, or entity that is organized for profit or nonprofit
26 purposes.

27 Sec. 5. (1) "Domestic dependent sovereign" means an Indian

1 tribe that has been acknowledged, recognized, restored, or
2 reaffirmed as an Indian tribe by the secretary of the interior
3 pursuant to chapter 576, 48 Stat. 984, 25 ~~U.S.C.~~ **USC** 461 to 463,
4 464 to 465, 466 to 470, 471 to 472, 473, 474 to 475, 476 to 478,
5 and 479, commonly referred to as the Indian reorganization act, or
6 has otherwise been acknowledged by the United States government as
7 an Indian tribe.

8 **(2) "DO-NOT-CALL LIST" MEANS A DO-NOT-CALL LIST OF INDIVIDUALS**
9 **DESIGNATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONCERNING AUTOMATED**
10 **TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

11 ~~(3)~~ "Election" means a primary, general, special, or
12 millage election held in this state or a convention or caucus of a
13 political party held in this state to nominate a candidate.
14 Election includes a recall vote.

15 ~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ "Election cycle" means 1 of the following:

16 (a) For a general election, the period beginning the day
17 following the last general election in which the office appeared on
18 the ballot and ending on the day of the general election in which
19 the office next appears on the ballot.

20 (b) For a special election, the period beginning the day a
21 special general election is called or the date the office becomes
22 vacant, whichever is earlier, and ending on the day of the special
23 general election.

24 ~~(5)~~ ~~(4)~~ "Elective office" means a public office filled by an
25 election. A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy in a public
26 office that is ordinarily elective holds an elective office.
27 Elective office does not include the office of precinct delegate.

1 Except for the purposes of sections 47, 54, and 55, elective office
2 does not include a school board member in a school district that
3 has a pupil membership of 2,400 or less enrolled on the most recent
4 pupil membership count day. However, elective office includes a
5 school board member in a school district that has a pupil
6 membership of 2,400 or less, if a candidate committee of a
7 candidate for the office of school board member in that school
8 district receives an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 or expends an
9 amount in excess of \$1,000.00. Elective office does not include a
10 federal office except for the purposes of section 57.

11 Sec. 11. (1) "Person" means a business, individual,
12 proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate,
13 business trust, labor organization, company, corporation,
14 association, committee, or any other organization or group of
15 persons acting jointly.

16 (2) "Political committee" means a committee that is not a
17 candidate committee, political party committee, independent
18 committee, or ballot question committee.

19 (3) "Political merchandise" means goods such as bumper
20 stickers, pins, hats, beverages, literature, or other items sold by
21 a person at a fund raiser or to the general public for publicity or
22 for the purpose of raising funds to be used in supporting or
23 opposing a candidate for nomination for or election to an elective
24 office or in supporting or opposing the qualification, passage, or
25 defeat of a ballot question.

26 (4) "Political party" means a political party which has a
27 right under law to have the names of its candidates listed on the

1 ballot in a general election.

2 (5) "Political party committee" means a state central,
3 district, or county committee of a political party which is a
4 committee. Each state central committee shall designate the
5 official party county and district committees. There shall not be
6 more than 1 officially designated political party committee per
7 county and per congressional district.

8 (6) **"POLITICAL SOLICITOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO MAKES OR CAUSES**
9 **TO BE MADE AN AUTOMATED TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION.**

10 (7) ~~(6)~~ "Public body" means 1 or more of the following:

11 (a) A state agency, department, division, bureau, board,
12 commission, council, authority, or other body in the executive
13 branch of state government.

14 (b) The legislature or an agency, board, commission, or
15 council in the legislative branch of state government.

16 (c) A county, city, township, village, intercounty, intercity,
17 or regional governing body; a council, school district, special
18 district, or municipal corporation; or a board, department,
19 commission, or council or an agency of a board, department,
20 commission, or council.

21 (d) Any other body that is created by state or local authority
22 or is primarily funded by or through state or local authority,
23 which body exercises governmental or proprietary authority or
24 performs a governmental or proprietary function.

25 **SEC. 48. (1) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**
26 **AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL DO 1**
27 **OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1 (A) ESTABLISH A STATE DO-NOT-CALL LIST CONCERNING AUTOMATED
2 TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS. IF THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES A STATE
3 DO-NOT-CALL LIST UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION, IT SHALL PUBLISH THAT LIST
4 QUARTERLY FOR USE BY POLITICAL SOLICITORS. THE COMMISSION MAY AT
5 ANY TIME CEASE TO MAINTAIN A LIST UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION AND MAKE A
6 DESIGNATION UNDER SUBDIVISION (B).

7 (B) INVESTIGATE ANY NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL LISTS THEN IN
8 EXISTENCE AND AFTER CONSIDERATION OF EACH LIST'S ACCESSIBILITY TO
9 POLITICAL SOLICITORS, EASE AND COST OF REGISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUALS
10 SEEKING INCLUSION, AND THE LIST TRANSFER POLICIES OF THE LIST
11 KEEPER, DESIGNATE A LIST AS THE AUTHORIZED DO-NOT-CALL LIST. THE
12 COMMISSION MAY REVIEW AND MAKE A DIFFERENT DESIGNATION UNDER THIS
13 SUBDIVISION AT ANY TIME IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT AN
14 ALTERNATIVE DO-NOT-CALL LIST PROVIDES SUPERIOR ACCESSIBILITY TO
15 POLITICAL SOLICITORS AND EASE AND COST OF REGISTRATION FOR
16 INDIVIDUALS SEEKING INCLUSION OR IF THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINING A
17 PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED DO-NOT-CALL LIST ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES THE
18 COMMISSION CONSIDERS CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THE
19 COMMISSION MAY AT ANY TIME DISCONTINUE A DESIGNATION UNDER THIS
20 SUBDIVISION AND ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIST UNDER SUBDIVISION
21 (A).

22 (2) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ESTABLISH OR DESIGNATE A DO-NOT-
23 CALL LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (1), OR IN DESIGNATING A DO-NOT-CALL
24 LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (B), THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER
25 COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUALS, POLITICAL SOLICITORS, OR ANY OTHER
26 PERSON.

27 (3) BEGINNING 90 DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES OR

1 DESIGNATES A DO-NOT-CALL LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A POLITICAL
2 SOLICITOR SHALL NOT MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE AN AUTOMATED
3 TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION FROM WITHIN THIS STATE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
4 WHOSE NAME IS ON THE THEN-CURRENT VERSION OF THE DO-NOT-CALL LIST.

5 (4) A POLITICAL SOLICITOR SHALL NOT USE A DO-NOT-CALL LIST FOR
6 ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3).
7 A POLITICAL SOLICITOR SHALL NOT SELL OR TRANSFER A DO-NOT-CALL LIST
8 TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY PURPOSE UNRELATED TO THIS SECTION.

9 (5) IF THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS THE DO-NOT-
10 CALL LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT SELL OR
11 TRANSFER THE DO-NOT-CALL LIST TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY PURPOSE
12 UNRELATED TO THIS SECTION.

13 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE PUBLIC
14 SERVICE COMMISSION.