



HOUSE BILL No. 5214

December 10, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Switalski and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 61 (MCL 169.261), as amended by 1993 PA 262; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61. (1) The state campaign fund is hereby created.
2 The state treasurer shall administer the state campaign fund pur-
3 suant to this act.

4 (2) ~~An~~ FOR TAX YEARS BEFORE THE 2000 TAX YEAR, AN individ-
5 ual whose tax liability under the income tax act of 1967, ~~Act~~
6 ~~No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, being sections~~
7 ~~206.1 to 206.532 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1967 PA 281,
8 MCL 206.1 TO 206.532, for a taxable year is \$3.00 or more may
9 designate that \$3.00 be credited to the state campaign fund. In
10 the case of a joint return of husband and wife having an income

1 tax liability of \$6.00 or more, each spouse may designate that
2 \$3.00 be credited to the state campaign fund.

3 (3) The tax designation authorized in this section shall be
4 clearly and unambiguously printed on the first page of the state
5 individual income tax return FOR TAX YEARS BEFORE THE 2000 TAX
6 YEAR.

7 (4) An amount equal to the cumulative amounts designated
8 under subsection (2) each year BEFORE THE 2000 TAX YEAR shall be
9 appropriated annually from the general fund of the state to the
10 state campaign fund to be available beginning January 1 and con-
11 tinuing through December 31 of each year in which a governor is
12 elected. The amounts appropriated under this section shall not
13 revert to the general fund but shall remain available to the
14 state campaign fund for distribution without fiscal year limita-
15 tion except that any amounts remaining in the state campaign fund
16 in excess of \$10,000,000.00 on December 31 immediately following
17 a gubernatorial general election shall revert to the general
18 fund.

19 (5) Before the distribution of funds under this act to qual-
20 ifying primary election candidates, the state treasurer shall set
21 aside sufficient funds from the state campaign fund to fully
22 implement the formula for distributing funds to qualifying gen-
23 eral election candidates. If insufficient funds exist in the
24 state campaign fund to provide full funding to eligible primary
25 election candidates, the campaign funds shall be distributed to
26 those candidates on a pro rata basis.

1 Enacting section 1. This section is repealed on the January
2 1 following the year in which the balance in the state campaign
3 fund is zero.

4 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
5 effect unless House Bill No. 4860 of the 90th Legislature is
6 enacted into law.