

# Legislative Analysis



## REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT TO REPORT ATTENDANCE NUMBERS FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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**House Bill 4305 as enrolled**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Steven Johnson**  
**House Committee: Elections and Ethics**  
**Senate Committee: Elections**  
**Complete to 1-13-22**

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*(Vetoed by the Governor 11-30-21)*

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4305 would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to remove from the list of information that must be included in a committee campaign statement the attendance numbers for fundraising events.

Section 26 of the act lists information that must be included in a campaign statement of a committee that is not a political party committee. In addition to the committee's name, address, and phone number and the contact information for the committee's treasurer, the committee must include an accounting of contributions and expenditures, the balance of cash on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period, and information on fundraising events.

The report now must include information on all of the following for each fundraising event:

- The type of event, date held, address and name of the location, *and approximate number of individuals participating or in attendance.*
- The total amount of all contributions.
- The gross receipts of the fundraising event.
- The expenditures incident to the event.

The bill would remove the italicized language above, so that the committee would not have to report the approximate number of people who attended a fundraising event.

MCL 169.226

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

### Vetoed 11-30-21:

In her veto message, Governor Whitmer wrote that the bill would change the reporting requirements for fundraising events without strengthening campaign finance laws in Michigan, but that she would support campaign finance legislation that would "shine a light on the dark money in our elections."

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