

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4382

April 23, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Morgan, Wegela, Byrnes, McKinney, Price, DeSana, Wilson, McFall, Rheingans, MacDonell and Dievendorf and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled  
"Michigan campaign finance act,"  
(MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 30a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1       Sec. 30a. (1) A covered person shall not make a donation or  
2       contribution to any of the following:  
3       (a) A 501(c)(4) organization or a 527 organization that is  
4       controlled or directed by any of the following:  
5       (i) A candidate for state elective office.

1 (ii) An elected state official.

2 (iii) A former elected state official.

3 (iv) An appointed state official.

4 (v) A state or local party committee.

5 (vi) A 501(c)(4) organization or 527 organization in which a  
6 state or local candidate, appointed official, or elected official  
7 controls or sits on the board of that organization.

8 (b) A 501(c)(4) organization or a 527 organization in which a  
9 candidate for state elective office, appointed state official,  
10 elected state official, former elected state official, or affiliate  
11 is employed by or sits on the board of that organization.

12 (c) A candidate committee.

13 (d) A political party committee.

14 (e) A political committee.

15 (f) An independent committee.

16 (g) A separate segregated fund.

17 (2) A covered person that violates this section is subject to  
18 a civil fine of not less than 5 times and not more than 10 times  
19 the amount of the unlawful contribution.

20 (3) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Affiliate" means any family member, employee, contract  
22 employee, or staff member of any of the following:

23 (i) An elected state official.

24 (ii) A candidate for state elective office.

25 (iii) A former elected state official.

26 (iv) An appointed state official.

27 (b) "Covered person" means any of the following:

28 (i) A principal of a regulated utility.

29 (ii) A principal of the holding company for a regulated

1 utility.

2 (iii) A principal for a company that has a 5% or greater  
3 ownership stake in a regulated utility.

4 (iv) A committee, 501(c)(4) organization, 527 organization, or  
5 separate segregated fund that meets any of the following:

6 (A) Is organized by any officer, employee, contract employee,  
7 or staff member or any family member of an officer, employee,  
8 contract employee, or staff member of the regulated utility.

9 (B) Maintains any of the individuals listed in sub-  
10 subparagraph (A) on its board, in leadership positions, or as staff  
11 or consultants.

12 (C) Receives at least half its funding in any year from a  
13 regulated utility or the principals of a regulated utility.

14 (c) "Elected state official" means an individual who holds a  
15 state elective office in this state.

16 (d) "Family member" means any of the following:

17 (i) A spouse or ex-spouse.

18 (ii) A child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, sibling, niece, or  
19 nephew.

20 (iii) The spouse of a child, stepchild, grandchild, parent,  
21 sibling, niece, or nephew.

22 (e) "501(c)(4) organization" means an organization that claims  
23 tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue  
24 code of 1986, 26 USC 501.

25 (f) "527 organization" means an organization that claims tax-  
26 exempt status under section 527 of the internal revenue code of  
27 1986, 26 USC 527.

28 (g) "Former elected state official" means an individual who no  
29 longer holds state elective office but held state elective office

1 during the previous 2 years.

2 (h) "Principal" means any of the following:

3 (i) The chief executive officer or a comparable officer.

4 (ii) A member of the board of directors or the equivalent of  
5 the board of directors.

6 (iii) An individual who has an ownership interest of 5% or  
7 greater.

8 (iv) A president, treasurer, or executive vice president.

9 (v) Any officer or employee who has managerial or  
10 discretionary responsibilities with respect to government affairs  
11 with this state, a state agency, a local government, or a political  
12 subdivision of a local government.

13 (vi) The spouse or dependent child of an individual listed  
14 under subparagraphs (i) through (v).

15 (vii) A political committee established or controlled by an  
16 individual listed under subparagraphs (i) through (vi), or a  
17 regulated utility.

18 (viii) Any subsidiary business controlled directly or indirectly  
19 by a regulated utility.

20 (ix) Any person acting on behalf of the persons listed under  
21 this subdivision, including, but not limited to, a lobbying firm,  
22 employee of a lobbying firm, or family member of an employee of a  
23 lobbying firm if the lobbying firm has a contract with a regulated  
24 utility.

25 (i) "Regulated utility" means a natural gas utility or an  
26 electric utility as those terms are defined under section 9 and 10h  
27 of 1939 PA 3, MCL 460.9 and 460.10h.