



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 629**

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House Bill No. 6290

*House of Representatives, April 24, 2013*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING DONATIONS MADE FROM JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-606 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) A contribution in the form of a check drawn on a joint bank  
5 account shall, for the purpose of allocation, be deemed to be a  
6 contribution made by the individual who signed the check, except  
7 such contribution shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions  
8 of a written statement, if any, from the holders of such joint bank  
9 account that indicates how such contribution should be differently  
10 allocated. If a check is signed by more than one individual, the total  
11 amount of the check shall be divided equally among the cosigners for  
12 the purpose of allocation, except such contribution shall be allocated in  
13 accordance with the provisions of a written statement, if any, from the

14 holders of such joint bank account that indicates how such  
15 contribution should be differently allocated. If a committee receives an  
16 anonymous contribution, the campaign treasurer shall immediately  
17 remit the contribution to the State Elections Enforcement Commission  
18 for deposit in the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-606(b)

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which modifies how campaign contributions from joint checking accounts are attributed, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6290*****AN ACT CONCERNING DONATIONS MADE FROM JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNTS.*****SUMMARY:**

The law generally requires campaign treasurers to attribute campaign contributions from a joint checking account to the individual who signs the check. This bill creates an exception to the law.

Under the bill, joint checking account holders may submit a check signed by one account holder that includes a donation from each individual on the account, provided the account holders submit a written statement indicating how to allocate the contribution.

By law, unchanged by the bill, if more than one account holder signs the check, treasurers must divide it equally among them, unless they submit a written statement indicating how to allocate the contribution differently.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14    Nay 0    (04/05/2013)