



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6290
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 24, 2013

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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 signed 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] signed statement, if any,
14 from the 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)

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

The bill modifies how campaign contributions from joint checking accounts are attributed by allowing the account holders to provide a signed statement detailing the portion attributable to each account holder. The bill has no fiscal impact.

House "A" allows a signed statement detailing the allocation, rather than a written statement, and has no impact.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6290 (as amended by House "A")*****AN ACT CONCERNING DONATIONS MADE FROM JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNTS.****SUMMARY:**

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

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 signed 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 statement indicating how to allocate the contribution differently. Currently, the statement must be written. The bill instead requires that it be signed.

*House Amendment "A" requires that joint account holders submit signed, rather than written, statements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)