



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 822

LCO No. 2132



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PHOTO
IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING.**

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

1 That general statutes be amended to (1) require that, if the treasurer
2 of a candidate committee submits a contribution as part of an
3 application for a grant under the Citizens' Election Program and the
4 State Elections Enforcement Commission accordingly deems such
5 contribution not to be a qualifying contribution, said commission shall
6 return such contribution to such committee and such treasurer shall in
7 turn refund such contribution to the contributor, (2) require said
8 commission to, prior to the day of an election, dismiss or issue a decision
9 on any complaint filed with said commission alleging violation of any
10 law relating to such election, (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
11 provide that no appropriation from the General Fund may be made to
12 the Citizens' Election Fund until all outstanding reports required by law
13 to be submitted by said commission to the intended recipients are so
14 submitted, (4) provide that said commission shall be within the Office

15 of State Ethics, (5) permit treasurers of candidate committees to accept
16 contributions through mobile applications, and (6) require the Secretary
17 of the State to establish and implement procedures for auditing
18 statements signed by electors who do not present certain preprinted
19 forms of identification prior to voting at a polling place.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require that statements signed by electors, in lieu of presenting certain identification at the polls, be audited for accuracy, and (2) make several changes regarding campaign finance.