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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6911**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS OR SOLICITATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOBBYISTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill extends, to candidate or exploratory committees for municipal office established by a legislator or state officer (or the legislator's or officer's agent), the sessional ban on contributions and solicitations by lobbyists and lobbyist political committees (known as PACs). Specifically, it prohibits (1) lobbyists and PACs established by or for a lobbyist from making or offering to make contributions to or on behalf of these committees and (2) lobbyists from soliciting contributions for them. The bill also makes technical and conforming changes. Under current law unchanged by the bill, the sessional ban also applies to certain PACs that fail to file a biennial registration statement with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Under the bill, a municipal office is an elective office for which only the electors of a single town, city, borough, or political subdivision may vote. As under current law, the ban applies during regular sessions, any special session held between the end of a long session and the start of a short session, and any veto session held in an odd-numbered year. Under current law, the ban applies to contributions or solicitations for (1) candidate or exploratory committees for a legislative or statewide office and (2) PACs established by or for legislators or state officers or controlled by them.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/27/2023)