
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5449

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

SUMMARY

This bill extends, to candidate or exploratory committees established by legislators or state officers who are candidates for municipal office, 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, (2) lobbyists from soliciting contributions for them, and (3) the committees from accepting them.

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 (other than state senator or representative). 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 existing 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.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/26/2024)