

HOUSE BILL 522

IN THE HOUSE

February 2, 1979

Introduced and referred to
Committee on State Adminis-
tration.

February 13, 1979

Committee recommend, bill
as amended, do not pass.

February 14, 1979

Report adopted. Objection

Printed and placed on
members' desks.

February 15, 1979

Second reading, do not
pass.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 522
INTRODUCED BY *Conny Ferguson* *Burdano* *Leising*

Stinatz *Metcalf* *Hager* *Blaylock* *South*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PLACE A LIMITATION
ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF A STATEWIDE
BALLOT ISSUE." *Kush* *Shelden* *Zulwig* *Manning*

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committee means a committee which is not organized to
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directly or indirectly by a committee to support or oppose a
ballot issue in conjunction with the making of expenditures
or accepting contributions.

Section 2. Codification. Section 1 is intended to be
codified in Title 13, chapter 27, part 2, and the provisions
contained in Title 13, chapter 27, part 2, apply to section

1 1.

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INTRODUCED BILL

State Administration

Objection Raised to
Adverse Committee Report

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MCBRIDE, JOHNSON, FASBENDER, DOZIER, KEMMIS, HAND,
VINCENT, STIMATZ, METCALF, HARPER, BLAYLOCK, OUSSAULT,
SOUTH, MANNING, QUILICI, H. ROBBINS, OBERG, GERKE,
HARRINGTON, BRAND, DAILY, PAVLOVICH, GILLIGAN,
BENGTSON, KESSLER, SHELDEN

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POLITICAL COMMITTEES ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A
PARTICULAR STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUE ARE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(A) FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT TO EXCEED \$500;~~

~~(B) FROM A POLITICAL COMMITTEE, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.~~

~~(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT DIRECT EXPENDITURES
BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR A POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH ARE OVER AND
ABOVE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION
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