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SENATE BILL

No. 298

Introduced by Senator Cogdill

February 15, 2007

An act to amend Sections 82013 and 84105 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 298, as amended, Cogdill. Political Reform Act: contributions.

Under the Political Reform Act of 1974, any person or combination of persons who makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees is considered to be a committee and is required to file specified campaign reports.

This bill would increase the amount to contributions of \$25,000 or more in a calendar year.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires a candidate or committee that receives contributions of \$5,000 or more from any person to inform the contributor that he or she may be required to file campaign reports.

This bill would increase the amount to contributions of \$15,000 or more from any person.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 82013 of the Government Code is
 2 amended to read:

3 82013. ~~(a)~~“Committee” means any person or combination of
 4 persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:

5 ~~(1)~~

6 (a) Receives contributions totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
 7 or more in a calendar year.

8 ~~(2)~~

9 (b) Makes independent expenditures totaling one thousand
 10 dollars (\$1,000) or more in a calendar year.

11 ~~(3)~~

12 (c) Makes contributions totaling twenty-five thousand dollars
 13 (\$25,000) or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of
 14 candidates or committees.

15 ~~(b)~~A person or combination of persons that becomes a
 16 committee shall retain its status as a committee until such time as
 17 that status is terminated pursuant to Section 84214.

18 SEC. 2. Section 84105 of the Government Code is amended
 19 to read:

20 84105. A candidate or committee that receives contributions
 21 of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more from any person
 22 shall inform the contributor that he or she may be required to file
 23 campaign reports. The notification shall occur within two weeks
 24 of receipt of the contributions but need not be sent to any
 25 contributor who has an identification number assigned by the
 26 Secretary of State issued pursuant to Section 84101.

27 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers
 28 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the
 29 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
 30 Code.