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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 52**

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**Introduced by Senators Leno and Hill**

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*(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Fong)*

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An act to amend Sections 84505 and 85310 of, to add Sections 84506.1, 84506.2, 84506.3, and 84506.4 to, to repeal Sections 84502, 84503, and 84504 of, and to repeal and add Sections 84501, 84506, 84506.5, ~~84507~~, 84508, and 84509 of, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 52, as amended, Leno. Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign disclosures.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures and imposing other reporting and recordkeeping requirements on campaign committees. Existing law additionally imposes disclosure statement requirements with respect to advertisements supporting or opposing a

candidate or ballot measure paid for by donors making contributions of specified amounts or by independent expenditures and defines several terms and phrases for these purposes. Existing law makes a knowing or willful violation of the Political Reform Act of 1974 a misdemeanor and subjects offenders to criminal penalties.

This bill would repeal and recast several definitions. The bill would repeal a committee identification requirement and the disclosure statement requirements relating to advertisements for or against any ballot measure paid for by any person whose cumulative contributions are \$50,000 and advertisements paid for by an independent expenditure. The bill would impose new disclosure statement requirements for political advertisements that are radio advertisements, prerecorded telephonic messages, television or video advertisements, or mass mailing or print advertisements that would require the identification of identifiable contributors, ballot measures, and other funding details, as specified. The bill would also require a committee, in prescribed circumstances, to establish and maintain a disclosure Internet Web site for the purpose of making a contribution disclosure statement. By introducing new disclosure requirements, the violation of which would be a misdemeanor, the bill would create a new crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

Existing law requires a person who makes a payment or promise of payment totaling \$50,000 or more for a communication that identifies, but does not advocate the election or defeat of, a candidate for elective state office, and that is disseminated within 45 days of an election, to file a disclosure report with the Secretary of State.

This bill would reduce the payment threshold to \$10,000 and change the communication dissemination period to the period beginning 120 days before the primary or special election and ending on the date of the general or runoff election.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the California Disclose  
2 Act.  
3 SEC. 2. Section 84501 of the Government Code is repealed.  
4 SEC. 3. Section 84501 is added to the Government Code, to  
5 read:  
6 84501. For purposes of this article, the following terms have  
7 the following meanings:  
8 (a) (1) "Advertisement" means a general or public  
9 advertisement that is any of the following:  
10 (A) Authorized and paid for by a person or committee for the  
11 purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for elective office  
12 or a ballot measure or ballot measures.  
13 (B) An electioneering communication.  
14 (C) An issue advocacy advertisement.  
15 (2) "Advertisement" does not include a communication from  
16 an organization other than a political party to its members, a  
17 campaign button smaller than 10 inches in diameter, a bumper  
18 sticker smaller than 60 square inches, or other advertisement as  
19 determined by regulations of the Commission.  
20 (b) "Cumulative contributions" means the cumulative amount  
21 of contributions received by a committee beginning 18 months  
22 prior to the date the committee made its first expenditure for a  
23 political advertisement or for the purpose of qualifying, supporting,  
24 or opposing a candidate for elective office or a ballot measure.  
25 (c) "Disclosure Internet Web site" means a committee's Internet  
26 Web site for a specific campaign that discloses the top identifiable  
27 contributors to that committee for that campaign, as described in  
28 Section 84506.3.  
29 (d) "Disclosure threshold" means ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)  
30 in the case of a campaign regarding a statewide ballot measure or  
31 a state candidate or in the case of a statewide issue advocacy  
32 advertisement, or two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in the case of a  
33 campaign regarding a local ballot measure or a local candidate or  
34 in the case of a local issue advocacy advertisement.

1 (e) “Electioneering communication” means a communication  
2 described in subdivision (a) of Section 85310.

3 (f) “Identifiable contributor” means a person that is the original  
4 source of contributions received by a committee that cumulatively  
5 meet or exceed the disclosure threshold, notwithstanding the fact  
6 that the contributions were transferred, in whole or in part, through  
7 one or more other committees or persons.

8 (g) “Issue advocacy advertisement” means an advertisement  
9 that clearly refers to and reflects a view on the subject matter,  
10 description, or name of a pending legislative action, administrative  
11 action, or one or more ballot measures and does any of the  
12 following:

13 (1) Can only be reasonably interpreted as an appeal for the  
14 recipient of the advertisement to take action by contacting an  
15 employee or elected official of the state government or any local  
16 government or encouraging others to contact those persons.

17 (2) Refers to a pending legislative action and is disseminated,  
18 broadcast, or otherwise communicated within 60 days of the end  
19 of the legislative session.

20 (3) Refers to one or more ballot measures and is disseminated,  
21 broadcast, or otherwise communicated within 120 days of the  
22 election concerning that measure or measures.

23 (h) “Political advertisement” means an advertisement, unless it  
24 is paid for by a candidate-controlled committee and is an  
25 advertisement relating to the candidate’s own election and not for  
26 any other campaign.

27 SEC. 4. Section 84502 of the Government Code is repealed.

28 SEC. 5. Section 84503 of the Government Code is repealed.

29 SEC. 6. Section 84504 of the Government Code is repealed.

30 SEC. 7. Section 84505 of the Government Code is amended  
31 to read:

32 84505. In addition to the requirements of Sections 84506,  
33 84506.1, 84506.2, 84506.3, 84506.4, and 84506.5, the committee  
34 placing the advertisement or persons acting in concert with that  
35 committee shall be prohibited from creating or using a  
36 noncandidate-controlled committee or a nonsponsored committee  
37 to avoid, or that results in the avoidance of, the disclosure of any  
38 individual, industry, business entity, controlled committee, or  
39 sponsored committee as a major funding source.

40 SEC. 8. Section 84506 of the Government Code is repealed.

1 SEC. 9. Section 84506 is added to the Government Code, to  
2 read:

3 84506. (a) A political advertisement that is a radio  
4 advertisement or prerecorded telephonic message shall include a  
5 disclosure at the end of the advertisement read in a clearly spoken  
6 manner and in a pitch and tone substantially similar to the rest of  
7 the advertisement that reads as follows: “Top funders of this ad  
8 are [state names in descending order of identifiable contributors  
9 who have made the three largest cumulative contributions]. Paid  
10 for by [name of the committee that paid for the advertisement].”

11 (b) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the  
12 disclosure required by subdivision (a) shall be adjusted accordingly  
13 to disclose the qualifying identifiable contributors, if any.

14 (c) If there is only one identifiable contributor or the  
15 advertisement lasts 15 seconds or less, the disclosure required by  
16 subdivision (a) shall be adjusted to read as follows: “Top funder  
17 of this ad is [state name of identifiable contributor who made the  
18 largest cumulative contributions]. Paid for by [name of the  
19 committee that paid for the advertisement].”

20 (d) If there are no identifiable contributors or the committee  
21 that paid for the advertisement is the only identifiable contributor,  
22 it may replace the disclosure required by subdivision (a) with the  
23 following: “Paid for by [name of the committee that paid for the  
24 advertisement].”

25 (e) If the advertisement names each of the identifiable  
26 contributors required to be named pursuant to subdivisions (a) to  
27 (c), inclusive, and identifies the speaker as speaking on behalf of  
28 them, it may replace the disclosure required by subdivision (a)  
29 with the following: “Paid for by [name of the committee that paid  
30 for the advertisement].”

31 (f) The disclosures specified in subdivision (a) shall not be  
32 required if the committee paying for the political advertisement  
33 does not have cumulative contributions that meet or exceed the  
34 disclosure threshold.

35 SEC. 10. Section 84506.1 is added to the Government Code,  
36 to read:

37 84506.1. (a) A political advertisement that is a television or  
38 video advertisement shall include a disclosure area with a solid  
39 black background on the entire bottom one-third of the television  
40 or video display screen at the beginning of the advertisement for

1 a minimum of five seconds in the case of an advertisement that  
2 lasts 30 seconds or less or a minimum of 10 seconds in the case  
3 of an advertisement that lasts longer than 30 seconds. The  
4 disclosure area shall include all of the following:

5 (1) The text “Top Funders of This Ad.” The text shall be located  
6 at the top of the disclosure area and centered horizontally, shall  
7 be yellow in color in Arial equivalent ~~font type~~, and the ~~font type~~  
8 size shall be at least 4 percent of the height of the television or  
9 video display screen.

10 (2) Immediately below the text described in paragraph (1), the  
11 names of the identifiable contributors who have made the three  
12 largest cumulative contributions. The identifiable contributors  
13 shall each be disclosed on a separate horizontal line, in descending  
14 order, beginning with the identifiable contributor who made the  
15 largest cumulative contributions on the first line. The name of each  
16 of the identifiable contributors shall be centered horizontally. The  
17 text shall be white in color in Arial Narrow equivalent ~~font type~~  
18 and the ~~font type~~ size shall be at least 4 percent of the height of  
19 the television or video display screen.

20 (3) The text “Funding Details At [insert Internet Web site  
21 address of the disclosure Internet Web site].” The text shall be  
22 yellow in color in Arial Narrow equivalent ~~font type~~ and the ~~font~~  
23 ~~type~~ size shall be equivalent to 2.5 percent of the height of the  
24 television or video display screen. The text shall be left-aligned  
25 and located in a position that is 2.5 percent of the height of the  
26 television or video display screen away from the bottom left of  
27 the television or video display screen.

28 (4) The text “Paid for by [name of the committee that paid for  
29 the advertisement].” The text shall be yellow in color in Arial  
30 Narrow equivalent ~~font type~~ and the ~~font type~~ size shall be  
31 equivalent to 2.5 percent of the height of the television or video  
32 display screen. The text shall be right-aligned and located in a  
33 position that is vertically 2.5 percent of the height of the television  
34 or video display screen away from the bottom right of the television  
35 or video display screen.

36 (5) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the  
37 disclosure required by this subdivision shall be adjusted  
38 accordingly to disclose only those that qualify as identifiable  
39 contributors, if any. If the committee does not have any identifiable

1 contributors, the disclosure shall be adjusted to include the name  
2 of the committee in place of the names of identifiable contributors.

3 (b) The disclosures described in subdivision (a) shall not be  
4 required if the committee paying for the political advertisement  
5 does not have cumulative contributions that meet or exceed the  
6 disclosure threshold.

7 SEC. 11. Section 84506.2 is added to the Government Code,  
8 to read:

9 84506.2. (a) Except for slate mailers, a political advertisement  
10 that is a mass mailing or a print advertisement and that is 12 square  
11 inches or more in size shall include a disclosure area on the largest  
12 page of the mass mailing or print advertisement that satisfies all  
13 of the following:

14 (1) The disclosure area shall have a solid white background so  
15 as to be easily legible, and shall be in a printed or drawn box on  
16 the bottom of the page that is set apart from any other printed  
17 matter. All text in the disclosure area shall be black in color.

18 (2) The text “Top Funders of This Ad” shall be located at the  
19 top of the disclosure area and centered horizontally in the disclosure  
20 area. The text shall be in an Arial equivalent ~~font~~ *type* with a ~~font~~  
21 *type* size of at least 12-point for advertisements smaller than 93  
22 square inches and at least 14-point for advertisements that are  
23 equal to, or larger than, 93 square inches.

24 (3) Immediately below the text described in paragraph (2) shall  
25 be the names of the identifiable contributors who have made the  
26 three largest cumulative contributions. The identifiable contributors  
27 shall each be disclosed on a separate horizontal line, in descending  
28 order, beginning with the identifiable contributor who made the  
29 largest cumulative contributions on the first line. The name of each  
30 of the identifiable contributors shall be centered horizontally in  
31 the disclosure area. The text shall identify each identifiable  
32 contributor in an Arial Narrow equivalent ~~font~~ *type* with a ~~font~~  
33 *type* size of at least 10-point for advertisements smaller than 93  
34 square inches and at least 12-point for advertisements that are  
35 equal to, or larger than, 93 square inches.

36 (A) If the advertisement is 4 inches tall or less, it need only  
37 show the names of the identifiable contributors who have made  
38 the two largest cumulative contributions.

39 (B) If the advertisement is 3 inches tall or less, it need only  
40 show the name of the identifiable contributor who made the largest

1 cumulative contribution, and the text required by paragraph (2)  
2 may say “Top Funder of This Ad.”

3 (4) Immediately below the text described in paragraph (3), the  
4 text “Funding Details At [insert Internet Web site address of the  
5 disclosure Internet Web site].” The text shall be in an Arial Narrow  
6 equivalent ~~font type~~ with at least 10-point ~~font type~~ size for  
7 advertisements smaller than 93 square inches and at least 12-point  
8 ~~font type~~ size for advertisements that are equal to, or larger than,  
9 93 square inches. This text shall not be required if the  
10 advertisement is 5 inches tall or less.

11 (5) The text “Paid for by [name of the committee that paid for  
12 the advertisement].” The text shall be located at the bottom of the  
13 disclosure area and shall be in an Arial Narrow equivalent ~~font~~  
14 ~~type~~ with at least 8-point ~~font type~~ size for pages smaller than 8.5  
15 inches and at least 10-point ~~font type~~ size for pages that are equal  
16 to, or larger than, 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

17 (6) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the  
18 disclosure shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose the qualifying  
19 identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does not have  
20 any identifiable contributors, the disclosure shall be adjusted to  
21 include the name of the committee in place of the names of  
22 identifiable contributors.

23 (b) The disclosures described in subdivision (a) shall not be  
24 required if the committee paying for the political advertisement  
25 does not have cumulative contributions that meet or exceed the  
26 disclosure threshold.

27 SEC. 12. Section 84506.3 is added to the Government Code,  
28 to read:

29 84506.3. A committee that has paid for political advertisements  
30 and that has received cumulative contributions that meet or exceed  
31 the disclosure threshold shall establish and maintain a disclosure  
32 Internet Web site. If the committee has an Internet Web site, that  
33 Internet Web site may also serve as the disclosure Internet Web  
34 site. The homepage of the disclosure Internet Web site and any  
35 landing pages that visitors are directed to on the disclosure Internet  
36 Web site and any other Internet Web sites maintained by the  
37 committee shall include a disclosure area that satisfies all of the  
38 following:

39 (a) The disclosure area shall be at least 250 pixels wide and  
40 visible upon landing on the Internet Web site’s homepage. The



1 disclosure area shall have a white background and a border that is  
2 dark in color.

3 (b) The disclosure area shall include the text “Top Funders of  
4 This Committee” located at the top of the disclosure area and  
5 centered horizontally in the disclosure area. The text shall be black  
6 in color in an Arial equivalent ~~font~~ *type* and shall be at least  
7 10-point ~~font~~ *type* size.

8 (c) Immediately below the text described in subdivision (b), the  
9 disclosure area shall include a list of the identifiable contributors  
10 who have made the 10 largest cumulative contributions to the  
11 committee. Each identifiable contributor shall be disclosed on a  
12 separate horizontal line, in descending order, beginning with the  
13 identifiable contributor who made the largest cumulative  
14 contributions on the first line. The text shall be black in color in  
15 an Arial Narrow equivalent ~~font~~ *type* and shall be at least 9-point  
16 ~~font~~ *type* size.

17 (d) (1) The disclosure area shall include a hyperlink to another  
18 page on the disclosure Internet Web site that lists all of the  
19 committee’s identifiable contributors. The hyperlink shall be  
20 labeled “More funding info” and shall be a standard hyperlink  
21 centered at the bottom of the disclosure area that is displayed as  
22 blue underlined text in Arial equivalent ~~font~~ *type* in at least 9-point  
23 ~~font~~ *type* size.

24 (2) The hyperlinked page on the disclosure Internet Web site  
25 shall have a title that reads “Large Funders of this Committee.”  
26 The linked page shall disclose each identifiable contributor of the  
27 committee on a separate horizontal line, in descending order,  
28 beginning with the identifiable contributor that had the largest  
29 cumulative contribution on the first line. Each line shall show the  
30 name of the identifiable contributor and the amount of its  
31 cumulative contributions, current within three business days. These  
32 disclosures shall be clear and shall be the only content on the page  
33 other than the disclosure Internet Web site’s standard navigation  
34 features.

35 (e) If there are fewer than 10 identifiable contributors, the  
36 disclosure area shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose the  
37 qualifying identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does  
38 not have any identifiable contributors, the disclosure area shall be  
39 adjusted to include the name of the committee in place of the names  
40 of identifiable contributors.

1 (f) Every page of an Internet Web site maintained by a  
 2 committee that has paid for political advertisements and that has  
 3 cumulative contributions that meet or exceed the disclosure  
 4 threshold shall include the statement “Paid for by [name of the  
 5 committee that paid for the advertisement]” and any other  
 6 identifying information specified by the Commission. The text  
 7 shall have a solid white background so as to be easily legible, and  
 8 shall be in a printed or drawn box on the bottom of the page that  
 9 is set apart from any other printed matter. The text shall be black  
 10 in color in an Arial Narrow equivalent-~~font~~ *type* and shall be at  
 11 least 8-point ~~font~~ *type* size.

12 SEC. 13. Section 84506.4 is added to the Government Code,  
 13 to read:

14 84506.4. The Commission ~~shall~~ *may* promulgate regulations  
 15 to require disclosures on all forms of political advertisements not  
 16 covered by this article, including, but not limited to, electronic  
 17 media advertisements and billboards. If feasible, the regulations  
 18 shall require the listing of the name of the committee and as many  
 19 of the three identifiable contributors that made the largest  
 20 cumulative contributions as possible in a conspicuous manner.  
 21 This disclosure area shall occupy no more than 10 percent of the  
 22 advertisement. If the advertisement medium allows, the disclosure  
 23 area shall contain a hyperlink to the disclosure Internet Web site.

24 SEC. 14. Section 84506.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

25 ~~SEC. 14.5.~~

26 *SEC. 15.* Section 84506.5 is added to the Government Code,  
 27 to read:

28 84506.5. The Commission shall promulgate regulations to  
 29 require disclosure of the name of the committee, if feasible, on all  
 30 advertisements that are paid for by a candidate-controlled  
 31 committee and that are advertisements relating to the candidate’s  
 32 own election and not for any other campaign.

33 ~~SEC. 15.~~

34 *SEC. 16.* Section 84507 of the Government Code is repealed.

35 ~~SEC. 16.~~ Section 84507 is added to the Government Code, to  
 36 read:

37 84507. ~~For purposes of a disclosure required by this article,~~  
 38 ~~the following shall also apply in the event that an identifiable~~  
 39 ~~contributor is a person who is an individual:~~

1 ~~(a) If the committee receiving the cumulative contributions is~~  
2 ~~supporting or opposing a candidate, the disclosure shall include~~  
3 ~~the occupation and employer of the identifiable contributor in~~  
4 ~~addition to the contributor's name. If the identifiable contributor~~  
5 ~~is not employed, no occupation or employer shall be listed.~~

6 ~~(b) If the committee receiving the cumulative contributions is~~  
7 ~~supporting or opposing a ballot measure, and the passage or defeat~~  
8 ~~of the ballot measure directly benefits the employer of the~~  
9 ~~identifiable contributor, the disclosure shall include the occupation~~  
10 ~~and employer of the identifiable contributor in addition to the~~  
11 ~~contributor's name.~~

12 ~~(c) If the employer of an identifiable contributor is also an~~  
13 ~~identifiable contributor of that committee, the cumulative~~  
14 ~~contributions of its employees shall be deemed to be cumulative~~  
15 ~~contributions by the employer for purposes of determining which~~  
16 ~~identifiable contributors shall be disclosed on an advertisement~~  
17 ~~pursuant to this article. This subdivision does not apply to an~~  
18 ~~employee whose cumulative contributions amount to more than~~  
19 ~~75 percent of the cumulative contributions of the employer.~~

20 SEC. 17. Section 84508 of the Government Code is repealed.

21 SEC. 18. Section 84508 is added to the Government Code, to  
22 read:

23 84508. (a) The disclosure of the name of an identifiable  
24 contributor required by this article need not include such legal  
25 terms as “incorporated,” “committee,” “political action committee,”  
26 or “corporation,” or their abbreviations, unless the term is part of  
27 the contributor’s name in common usage or parlance. This section  
28 does not prevent a contributor from being disclosed by a name  
29 used in common usage or parlance, including, but not limited to,  
30 an abbreviation or acronym.

31 (b) If this article requires the disclosure of the name of an  
32 identifiable contributor that is a sponsored committee, only the  
33 name of the committee’s sponsoring organization shall be  
34 disclosed.

35 (c) For a disclosure made pursuant to Sections 84506 to 84506.3,  
36 inclusive, the committee name listed need not include its economic  
37 or other special interests, nor the names of any major donors.

38 SEC. 19. Section 84509 of the Government Code is repealed.

39 SEC. 20. Section 84509 is added to the Government Code, to  
40 read:

1 84509. If the order of the identifiable contributors required to  
2 be displayed in an advertisement pursuant to this article changes,  
3 the disclosure in the advertisement shall be updated as follows:

4 (a) A television, radio, or other electronic media political  
5 advertisement shall be updated to reflect the new ordering of  
6 identifiable contributors within seven business days, or five  
7 business days if the change in the order of identifiable contributors  
8 occurs within 30 days of an election.

9 (b) A print media advertisement, including nonelectronic  
10 billboards, shall be updated to reflect the new ordering of  
11 identifiable contributors prior to placing a new or modified order  
12 for additional printing of the advertisement.

13 SEC. 21. Section 85310 of the Government Code is amended  
14 to read:

15 85310. (a) A person who makes a payment or a promise of  
16 payment totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more for a  
17 communication that clearly identifies a candidate for elective  
18 office, but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of  
19 the candidate, and that is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise  
20 published during the period beginning 120 days before the primary  
21 or special election and ending on the date of the general or runoff  
22 election, shall file online or electronically with the Secretary of  
23 State a report disclosing the name of the person, address,  
24 occupation, and employer, and amount of the payment. The report  
25 shall be filed within 48 hours of making the payment or the promise  
26 to make the payment.

27 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), if a person has  
28 received a payment or a promise of a payment from other persons  
29 totaling five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more for the purpose of  
30 making a communication described in subdivision (a), the person  
31 receiving the payments shall disclose on the report the name,  
32 address, occupation and employer, and date and amount received  
33 from the person.

34 (2) A person who receives or is promised a payment that is  
35 otherwise reportable under paragraph (1) is not required to report  
36 the payment if the person is in the business of providing goods or  
37 services and receives or is promised the payment for the purpose  
38 of providing those goods or services.

39 (c) A payment received by a person who makes a  
40 communication described in subdivision (a) is subject to the limits

1 specified in subdivision (b) of Section 85303 if the communication  
2 is made at the behest of the clearly identified candidate.

3 SEC. 22. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
4 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
5 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
6 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
7 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
8 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
9 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
10 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
11 Constitution.

12 SEC. 23. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill  
13 furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within  
14 the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government  
15 Code.