

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

February 21, 2013

An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 477, as introduced, Steinberg. Political Reform Act of 1974: contributions: ballot measures.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 imposes various limitations on contributions made to, or accepted by, candidates for elective office and campaign committees that support or oppose candidates and ballot measures.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit a political campaign committee from accepting large contributions made for the purpose of supporting the qualification of a statewide initiative ballot measure until the committee has first received a significant number of small individual contributions made for the same purpose, thereby demonstrating a sufficient degree of public support for the proposed initiative measure.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

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- 4 supporting the qualification of a statewide initiative ballot measure
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