

## Committee on Ethics and Elections

### **CS/CS/HB 921 — Campaign Financing**

by State Affairs Committee; Public Integrity and Elections Committee; and Rep. Drake and others (CS/CS/SB 1352 by Rules Committee; Ethics and Elections Committee; and Senator Brodeur)

The bill defines the term “foreign national” and prohibits a foreign national from making or offering to make a contribution or expenditure, directly or indirectly, in connection with any election held in the state.

The bill also narrows application of the contribution limit for political committees that are the sponsors of or in opposition to citizens’ initiatives by specifying that the contribution limit applies only to persons who are not residents of the state and to political committees that have not registered an office using a street address located within the state.

Finally, the bill prohibits use of public funds by local governments for initiating communications pertaining to an issue, referendum, or amendment, including any state question. The prohibition does not preclude a local government or a person acting on behalf of a local government from:

- Reporting on official actions of the local government’s governing body in an accurate, fair, and impartial manner;
- Posting factual information on a government website or in printed materials;
- Hosting and providing information at a public forum;
- Providing factual information in response to an inquiry; or
- Providing information as otherwise authorized or required by law.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

*Vote: Senate 22-16; House 80-40*