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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/21/2013	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 295 - 376
and insert:

(7)~~(6)~~ "Election" means a ~~any~~ primary election, special primary election, general election, special election, or municipal election held in this state for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates to public office, choosing delegates to the national nominating conventions of political parties, selecting a member of a political party executive committee, or submitting an issue to the electors for their approval or rejection.



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13 ~~(13)(7)~~ "Issue" means a ~~any~~ proposition that ~~which~~ is
14 required by the State Constitution, by law or resolution of the
15 Legislature, or by the charter, ordinance, or resolution of a
16 ~~any~~ political subdivision of this state to be submitted to the
17 electors for their approval or rejection at an election, or a
18 ~~any~~ proposition for which a petition is circulated in order to
19 have such proposition placed on the ballot at an ~~any~~ election.

20 ~~(14)(8)~~ "Person" means an individual or a corporation,
21 association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock
22 company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust,
23 syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective
24 capacity. The term includes a political party, affiliated party
25 committee, or political committee, ~~or committee of continuous~~
26 ~~existence.~~

27 ~~(2)(9)~~ "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed
28 by a candidate or political committee as provided in this
29 chapter.

30 ~~(17)(10)~~ "Public office" means a ~~any~~ state, county,
31 municipal, or school or other district office or position that
32 ~~which~~ is filled by vote of the electors.

33 ~~(1)(11)~~ "Campaign fund raiser" means an ~~any~~ affair held to
34 raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office.

35 ~~(6)(12)~~ "Division" means the Division of Elections of the
36 Department of State.

37 ~~(4)(13)~~ "Communications media" means broadcasting stations,
38 newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising facilities, printers,
39 direct mail, advertising agencies, the Internet, and telephone
40 companies; but with respect to telephones, an expenditure is
41 ~~shall be~~ deemed to be an expenditure for the use of



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42 communications media only if made for the costs of telephones,
43 paid telephonists, or automatic telephone equipment to be used
44 by a candidate or a political committee to communicate with
45 potential voters but excluding the ~~any~~ costs of telephones
46 incurred by a volunteer for use of telephones by such volunteer;
47 however, with respect to the Internet, an expenditure is ~~shall~~
48 ~~be~~ deemed an expenditure for use of communications media only if
49 made for the cost of creating or disseminating a message on a
50 computer information system accessible by more than one person
51 but excluding internal communications of a campaign or of any
52 group.

53 (11) ~~(14)~~ "Filing officer" means the person before whom a
54 candidate qualifies, or the agency or officer with whom a
55 political committee or an electioneering communications
56 organization registers, ~~or the agency by whom a committee of~~
57 ~~continuous existence is certified.~~

58 (18) ~~(15)~~ "Unopposed candidate" means a candidate for
59 nomination or election to an office who, after the last day on
60 which a ~~any~~ person, including a write-in candidate, may qualify,
61 is without opposition in the election at which the office is to
62 be filled or who is without such opposition after such date as a
63 result of a ~~any~~ primary election or of withdrawal by other
64 candidates seeking the same office. A candidate is not an
65 unopposed candidate if there is a vacancy to be filled under s.
66 100.111(3), if there is a legal proceeding pending regarding the
67 right to a ballot position for the office sought by the
68 candidate, or if the candidate is seeking retention as a justice
69 or judge.

70 (3) ~~(16)~~ "Candidate" means a ~~any~~ person to whom any ~~one or~~



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71 ~~more~~ of the following applies ~~apply~~:

72 (a) A ~~Any~~ person who seeks to qualify for nomination or
73 election by means of the petitioning process.

74 (b) A ~~Any~~ person who seeks to qualify for election as a
75 write-in candidate.

76 (c) A ~~Any~~ person who receives contributions or makes
77 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive
78 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about
79 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public
80 office.

81 (d) A ~~Any~~ person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
82 primary depository.

83 (e) A ~~Any~~ person who files qualification papers and
84 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

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86 However, this definition does not include any candidate for a
87 political party executive committee. Expenditures related to
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89 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

90 And the title is amended as follows:

91 Delete lines 20 - 22

92 and insert:

93 the act; revising the definition of the term
94 "election" to include the selection of members of
95 political party executive committees; conforming
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