

INITIATIVE PROHIBITING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; ALSO
PROHIBITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT
CONTRACTS

This bill would ban the use of public funds for political campaigns and lobbying. Funds could not be used to support or oppose a ballot measure. The bill would limit political involvement in government contracts. It would ban political contributions by holders of government contracts. It would ban legislators and their staff from being employed by holders of government contracts for two years after leaving state service. The bill has criminal and civil penalties.

Should this initiative become law?

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY SUMMARY

This Act bans the use of public resources and funds for a political purpose. It does not permit the use of public funds to support or oppose a ballot measure. A person that employs someone who has been a legislator or legislative staff person in the previous two years could not have a government contract. The Act defines "government contract" broadly. It includes contracts with some labor unions. It includes contracts of a public body that gets a state subsidy. Certain public officers or candidates for public office could not accept contributions from a government contractor or a contractor's family. This Act requires the state to detail all contracts on its Website. The Act includes civil and criminal penalties. There are exceptions to some provisions of the Act.