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**Subject:** Legislation Report – August 2019

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### Summary

Note: The legislature has been in summer recess since July 12 and will reconvene on August 12.

### Commission-sponsored Legislation

Since the Commission's July meeting, one of the Commission's sponsored bills (AB 903 - clarifying section 84200.5 of the Act) passed the Senate on consent, was sent to the Governor's desk, and was signed by the Governor. Sponsored bill AB 902 (codifying certain regulations) will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, CPAA sent a letter to the Senate Elections Committee proposing amendments to the bill.

All other FPPC-sponsored bills (AB 946 and SB 423) have not progressed since the July meeting. SB 423 is likely to be a two-year bill.

At the July meeting, the Commission adopted "support" positions on AB 201 and AB 572, and changed its "support if amended" to an "oppose unless amended" position on AB 1217. Following the meeting, a letter was sent to each of the respective authors, informing each of the Commission's position.

### Pending Legislation

The Commission is tracking 9 active bills proposed to amend the Political Reform Act or Government Code 1090. The Commission has active positions on all 9 bills. Legislation currently being tracked by Commission staff and other related documents can be found on the [Commission's Pending Legislation](#) page.

### Active Legislation with FPPC Positions

#### **1. [AB 201](#) (Cervantes): Campaign disclosure: mass text messages.**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Hearing TBD

Fiscal Impact: Minor and absorbable

Amended: July 11, 2019

Last Action: Read 2nd time and amended, re-referred to Senate Appropriations – July 11, 2019

Summary:

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires electronic media advertisements, other than email messages or internet websites, paid for by a committee, other than a political party committee or a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office of the controlling candidate, to comply with certain disclosure requirements.

This bill would require a candidate or committee to disclose the name of the candidate or committee in certain text message advertisements and provide a hyperlink in the text message to an internet website containing more information about the candidate or committee, as specified. If including this text message disclosure would be impracticable, the bill would instead permit inclusion of a specified identification number in the text message. The bill sets forth standards for the color and size of the text in the text message and the disclosures on the website.

Staff Comments:

On July 11, in response to concerns raised by the FPPC, the author amended the bill to require a committee that authorizes or pays for a text message advertisement to include disclosure of the name(s) of its top two contributors of \$50,000 immediately following the link or URL to the other required disclosures. If the required text of the top funders is impracticable, only the link or URL would be required. The amended bill also eliminates the provision that would have allowed for the use of committee ID numbers in lieu of a link or URL in certain circumstances.

At the July meeting, following the author's amendment, the Commission voted to change its "support if amended" position to a "support" position.

**2. [AB 220 \(Bonta\): Campaign funds: childcare costs.](#)**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Status: Senate Floor, 3rd Reading File

Amended: June 6, 2019

Last Action: Read 2nd Time, Ordered to 3rd Reading – July 3, 2019

Summary:

The Political Reform Act prohibits the use of campaign funds to pay for professional services not directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. The Commission has previously advised that expenses incurred by a candidate in providing a baby-sitter for his or her children are reasonably related to a political purpose, but not directly related. (*Mahoney* Advice Letter, No. A-94-285.) As such, we advised that campaign fund expenditures on baby-sitting services are permissible if there is no substantial benefit to the candidate. In other words, if each baby-sitting payment is less than \$200 per event, the campaign fund expenditure is permissible.

This bill would authorize the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses resulting from a candidate or officeholder engaging in campaign activities or performing official duties.

Staff Comments:

With input from FPPC staff, Assembly Member Bonta amended the bill on June 6<sup>th</sup> to narrow its application to childcare costs “resulting directly from the candidate engaging in campaign activities...” Previously it had permitted the use of campaign funds for childcare costs “resulting from the candidate or officeholder engaging in campaign activities or performing official duties.”

**3. [AB 864](#) (Mullin): Amendments to DISCLOSE Act**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Hearing Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Amended: April 11, 2019

Last Action: Passed Senate Elections Committee, re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee – July 2, 2019

Summary:

The bill would make various substantive and non-substantive changes to the DISCLOSE Act:

1. Exempts from the definition of “mass electronic mailing” communications that were solicited by recipients.
2. Requires, within the exemption of advertisement for an electronic media communication, a customer who has opted in to receive communications from a provider of goods or services to provide express approval to receive political messages from that provider of goods or services in order for the communication to be an exempt.
3. Clarifies disclosure requirements for large print advertisements larger than those designed to be individually distributed.
4. Further defines “online platform disclosed advertisements” and other clarifying amendments to AB 2188 (2018) Social Media DISCLOSE Act.
5. Corrects conflict from AB 249 related to electronic media advertisements and the applicable disclosures for political party committee and candidate committees who pay for independent expenditures or advertisement supporting or opposing a ballot measure.
6. Other non-substantive conforming, clarifying, and cross-reference corrections in the Act.

Staff Comments:

The Commission initially adopted a “support if amended” position and directed staff to work with the bill’s author and principal supporter to address staff concerns with substantive policy proposals. Assembly Member Mullin amended the bill on April 11, 2019 to remove all substantive policy changes from AB 864 and retain only the clarifying proposals developed by FPPC staff. As a result of those amendments, the Commission changed its position to “support.”

**4. [AB 902](#) (Levine): Codify Commission Regulation.**

FPPC Position: *Sponsor*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee, Hearing Monday, August 12th  
Amended: July 3, 2019  
Last Action: Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee - July 3, 2019

Summary:

The Political Reform Act authorizes the Commission to adopt, amend, or rescind regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act and to govern the procedures of the Commission. Long-standing and generally accepted regulations become essential to proper administration of the Political Reform Act. There are several regulations the Commission staff has identified as being long-standing, non-controversial, and essential to complying the Act.

Staff Comments:

On June 24, 2019 the CPAA contacted the Senate Elections Committee with proposed changes to the current bill. The Committee forwarded the comments to FPPC staff for review. Although most of the CPAA's proposed changes were technical, two of the proposals were substantive: (1) creation of a contribution threshold for amending Top 10 disclosure reports; and, (2) amending section 84100 to permit a committee to make contributions and expenditures in the absence of a treasurer if the committee has an assistant treasurer. FPPC staff provided Legislative Counsel's office technical assistance on the non-substantive changes proposed by CPAA.

On July 3, 2019 the author amended the bill to address the CPAA's technical changes, but did not make the substantive changes requested by CPAA. As such, the amendments are consistent with the Commission's original intent to codify existing regulations. There are two remaining drafting issues Commission staff is working with staff at Legislative Counsel's Office to address.

**5. [AB 909](#) (Gallagher): Treasurer Signature**

FPPC Position: *Sponsor*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Assembly Concurrence

Amended: June 18, 2019

Last Action: July 11, 2019 -Read 3rd time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.). In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 9 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.

Summary:

This bill requires a treasurer or assistant treasurer, when filing a Statement of Organization, to acknowledge that the person must comply with duties imposed by the Act and regulations and that violation of those duties could result in criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

Staff Comments:

The Commission approved amendments to AB 909, requested by the Secretary of State, that would delay the operative date until the Cal- Access Replacement Project is certified as completed (estimated to be February 2021). The author also made amendments at the request of the Commission, clarifying that the acknowledgment will be completed as part of the Statement of Organization, not as a separate filing, and will not create additional liability for treasurers.

## 6. [AB 946](#) (Assembly Elections Committee): Omnibus Non-substantive

FPPC Position: *Sponsor*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Senate Floor – Inactive File

Last Action: From Consent Calendar to Inactive File at request of Sen. Umberg – May 13, 2019

### Summary:

This bill is the Commission’s housekeeping bill repealing expired or moot provisions of the Act.

### Staff Comments:

It is common for a “Committee-authored” bill to be placed on inactive file when it proceeds through the Legislature quickly. This ensures there is a legislative vehicle available in the case of additional non-substantive amendments. The Legislature plans on taking up AB 946 in August.

## 7. [AB 1217](#) (Mullin): DISCLOSE Act – Issue and Electioneering Ads

FPPC Position: *Oppose unless Amended*

Fiscal Estimate: \$1,026,259 for first year and \$977,259 for ongoing

Status: Senate Elections Committee – Hearing, Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Amended: April 29, 2019

Last Action: Passed Assembly on Consent; Referred to Senate Elections Committee – June 12, 2019

### Summary:

The Political Reform Act requires specified disclosures in advertisements regarding the source of the advertisement.

This bill does the following:

1. Amends the definition of “advertisement” to include “electioneering communication,” “issue advocacy advertisement,” and “major advertiser.” The bill designates “top contributors” established under the Disclose Act as “top funders.” Also, defines “nondonor funds,” “small donor funds,” and “lobbying donor.”
2. Adds the definition of “lobbying-available donation” to mean a payment, a forgiveness of a loan, a payment of a loan by a third party, or an enforceable promise to make a payment, except if full and adequate consideration is received or if it is clear from the circumstances the payment is not made for lobbying purposes. Describes what is and is not a “lobbying-available donation.”
3. Adopts disclaimer requirements of “major advertisers” and “top funders” of an issue advocacy advertisement totaling \$50,000 or more in a calendar year and requires disclosure of three highest lobbying-available donations of \$10,000 or more, as specified.

### Staff Comments

This ambitious bill suffers from structural deficiencies that would make interpretation, administration, and enforcement difficult. Some of the deficiencies include:

1. The provisions of these non-campaign related communications are being added to the Chapter and Article of the Act previously exclusive to campaign advertisements. Inserting unrelated, non-campaign terms and requirements into the campaign advertising sections will severely complicate portions of the Act already filled with complexity.
2. Enforcing the provisions of this bill would require resource-heavy investigations of issue and electioneering ads because there would be no corresponding disclosures filed with filing officers disclosing “lobbying-available donations” and payments for communicating.
3. Establishes pre-election timing thresholds (60 days before a general or special election, 30 days before a primary election) that are substantively different than current electioneering requirements under Section 85310 (within 45 days of any election).

In addition to potential policy and structural issues, Commission staff believes this bill could lead to legal challenges over its constitutionality. In June, staff met with the author’s staff, and staff of the Senate Elections Committee, to discuss potential amendments that might cure the deficiencies. In response, the author amended this bill on July 8, 2019. The primary change of the amendments is to remove the electioneering and issue advocacy prohibitions from the Disclose Act (Article 5 of Chapter 4 of the Act) and instead create a new Article 6 to encompass the provisions of the legislation. The above issues, however, remain.

At the July meeting, the Commission voted to change its position to “oppose unless amended”, citing the previous concerns and the belief the actions taken in the latest July amendments do not go far enough to alleviate the Commission’s concerns. Since the July meeting, staff has exchanged correspondence with the California Clean Money Campaign, a supporter of the bill. If the above issues are not resolved, staff will amend the FPPC’s fiscal note on the bill to include anticipated costs of defending one or more constitutional challenges.

#### **8. [SB 71](#) (Leyva): Campaign expenditure limitations: harassment and discrimination**

FPPC Position: *Support if Amended*

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Fiscal Estimate: Minor and absorbable

Amended: May 17, 2019

Last Action: Passed Assembly Elections Committee on July 3, 2019

#### Summary:

The legislation here is related to the Commission’s rescission in March 2019 of the [Mendoza Advice Letter A-18-009](#). The bill, as amended, would expressly allow the expenditure of funds in a campaign committee account or legal defense fund account to pay for a candidate or elected official’s defense against claims of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual abuse. However, the candidate or elected official would be required to reimburse the committee account if he or she were ultimately “held liable for such a violation.”

At the June 2018 meeting, in response to amendments to the bill, the Commission changed its position on the legislation from “sponsor” to “support if amended.”

Staff Comments:

Following the June Commission meeting, staff informed the bill's author of the Commission's concerns.

**9. [AB 571](#) (Mullin): Contribution Limits.**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Hearing Monday, August 12, 2019

Fiscal Estimate: \$920,023 first year, \$878,023 ongoing.

Amended: April 2, 2019

Last Action: Passed Senate Elections Committee- July 2, 2019

Summary:

The Act contains contribution limits and other restrictions related to contribution limits for state office and statewide offices. The Act specifies nothing in the law prevents the Legislature or local agency from adopting additional requirements, and nothing nullifies contribution limitations or prohibitions in local jurisdictions.

The bill would establish a state-mandated contribution limit on city and county jurisdictions, which the FPPC would regulate and enforce. The state-mandated contribution limit is equal to the limits of state legislative candidates and would be adjusted for cost-of-living. Jurisdictions that adopt their own limit, or have already established a limit, would not be subject to the state limit established by this bill. This bill will become operative January 1, 2021.

Staff Comments

To adequately implement and enforce a statewide default contribution limit, the Commission would need to add 2 Political Reform Consultants II, 2 Senior Commission Counsel, 1 Special Investigator, and 1 Program Specialist II.

At the July meeting, the Commission voted to take a position on this bill and adopted a “support” position. Notice was sent to the author.

**Political Reform Act Bills signed by the Governor**

**1. [AB 903](#) (Levine): Minor and Clarifying Amendments to Political Reform Act.**

FPPC Position: *Sponsor*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: July 12, 2019, Signed by the Governor, Chaptered

Amended: March 28, 2019

Last Action: Chaptered, Signed by the Governor on July 12, 2019

Summary:

This bill (1) clarifies that communications paid for with public moneys by a state or local government agency, under certain conditions, are considered expenditures, as specified; (2) eliminates confusing language in Section 84200.5; and, (3) clarifies that the disclosure of income from a gift or business entity must include the street address of each source or entity.

**2. [AB 1043](#) (Irwin): Use of Campaign Funds; cybersecurity**

FPPC Position: *Support*  
Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission  
Status: July 1, 2019, Signed by the Governor, Chaptered  
Introduced: February 22, 2019  
Last Action: Chaptered, Signed by the Governor on July 1, 2019.

Summary:

This bill authorizes the expenditure of campaign funds to pay for, or reimburse the state for, the installation and monitoring of hardware, software, and services related to cybersecurity. Expenditures for such must be reported to the FPPC.

**Political Reform Act Bills Unlikely to Progress Further in 2019**

**1. [AB 225](#) (Brough): Campaign funds: childcare costs.**

FPPC Position: *Support if Amended*  
Status: Assembly Elections Committee  
Last Action: Referred to Assembly Elections Committee (02/04/19)

Summary:

This bill would provide that campaign funds may be used to pay for child care provided for a candidate's dependent child if the costs are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.

**2. [AB 322](#) (Gallagher): Electronic filing**

FPPC Position: *Support if Amended*  
Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Fiscal Impact: Minor and absorbable to the Commission  
Amended: March 20, 2019  
Last Action: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File (04/03/19)

Summary:

Would require a local government agency to post on its internet website a copy of any specified statement, report, or other document filed with that agency in paper format. This bill would require that the statement, report, or other document be made available for four years from the date of the election associated with the filing. By imposing a new duty on local government agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Staff Comments:

The Commission's position and recommended amendments were communicated to Assembly Member Gallagher's office. The bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriation Committee suspense file due to substantial state-mandated local costs.

**3. [AB 359](#) (Melendez): Revolving door prohibition; Members of the Legislature**

Status: Assembly Elections Committee  
Last Action: Heard in Asm. Elections Committee; held without recommendation (04/10/19)



Summary:

The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits a Member of the Legislature, for a period of one year after leaving office, from acting as a compensated agent or attorney for, or otherwise being paid to represent, any other person by making appearances before, or communications with, the Legislature or its committees, Members, or officers or employees. This bill would extend the time periods for these prohibitions for a Member of the Legislature to 5 years.

**4. [AB 626 \(Quirk-Silva\): Conflicts of Interest; Government Code 1090](#)**

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Fiscal Impact: Minor and absorbable

Amended: May 13, 2019

Last Action: Two year bill (06/04/19)

Summary:

Existing law prohibits members of the Legislature, and state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees, from being financially interested in a contract, as specified, made by them in their official capacity or by any body or board of which they are members, subject to specified exceptions. Existing law prohibits an officer or employee from being deemed to have an interest in a contract if the person's interest is one of certain types.

This bill prohibits an officer or employee from being deemed interested in a contract, as described above, if the interest is that of an engineer, geologist, architect, land surveyor, or planner, performing specified services on a project, including preliminary design and preconstruction services, when proposing to perform services on a subsequent portion or phase of the project.

Staff Comments:

Staff has provided technical assistance to the sponsors of AB 626, the American Council of Engineering Companies.

**5. [AB 1141 \(Melendez\): Misuse of public funds](#)**

Status: Asm. Elections Committee

Amended: March 26, 2019

Last Action: Set for first hearing; hearing cancelled at the request of the author

Summary:

This bill would amend the Political Reform Act of 1974 to prohibit any elected state or local officer, including any state or local appointee, employee, consultant, or agency, from using or permitting others to use public resources for a campaign activity. The bill would authorize the FPPC to impose an administrative or civil penalty against a person for a misuse of public resources for campaign activity, not to exceed \$1,000 for each day on which a violation occurs, plus 3 times the value of the unlawful use of public resources.

**6. [AB 1245 \(Low\): Contribution prohibition; business entities](#)**

Status: Asm. Elections Committee

Amended: April 9, 2019

Last Action: First hearing. Held without recommendation. (04/25/19)

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a business entity from contributing to a candidate for state elective office and for candidate for state elective office from accepting a contribution from a business entity.

**7. [AB 1306](#) (Garcia): Misuse of public funds**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

Fiscal Impact: \$657,201 first year, \$629,102 ongoing.

Amended: March 18, 2019

Last Action: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File (04/24/19)

Summary:

This bill would amend the Political Reform Act of 1974 to prohibit any elected state or local officer, including any state or local appointee, employee, or consultant, from using or permitting others to use public resources for a campaign activity. The bill would authorize the FPPC to impose an administrative or civil penalty against a person for a misuse of public resources for campaign activity, not to exceed \$1,000 for each day on which a violation occurs, plus three times the value of the unlawful use of public resources.

Staff Comments:

Assembly Member Garcia authored AB 1306 in response to the Commission’s request sent in February 2019. Commission staff provided technical assistance to Assembly Member Garcia’s office, including background information, answered technical questions, and appeared before the Assembly Elections Committee at the invitation of the Assembly Member.

The Assembly Elections Committee raised three issues with the current version of AB 1306:

1. Whether the Commission should be able to levy treble damages through its administrative process.
2. Whether there is sufficient clarity in the law as to what is and is not permissible content for public agencies to communicate.
3. Are there other alternatives to addressing insufficient enforcement other than duplicating statutes in another body of law?

AB 1306 would require the Commission to increase staff in Legal Division and Enforcement Division: two Senior Commission Counsel, one Commission Counsel, and one Special Investigator.

**8. [AB 1574](#) (Mullin): Lobbying Reports; Monthly Filing**

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

Fiscal Impact: \$252,741 first year, \$238,741 ongoing

Amended: April 11, 2019

Last Action: Referred to Asm. Appropriations Committee Suspense File – April 24, 2019

Summary:

The Political Reform Act requires lobbyists employed by a lobbyist employer or a lobbying firm to provide a periodic report of the lobbyist’s activity expenses and contributions to the employer

or firm within 2 weeks following the end of each quarter. This bill would require lobbying reports to be filed monthly instead of quarterly.

Staff Comments:

To adequately implement AB 1574, the Commission would need two additional Political Reform Consultants II.

**9. [AB 1752](#) Formerly (Kalra): Committee registration fee; penalty – Gutted and Amended**

Summary:

This bill formerly proposed that a penalty of \$150 for failing to register a committee be the exclusive remedy under the Act for such failure. It is now non-germane.

Staff Comments:

AB 1752 was recently “gutted” and amended to provide a vehicle for a South Coast Water District bill (Petrie-Norris). It is no longer germane to the FPPC or the PRA. The issue of the \$150 penalty has not been included in any new vehicle as of today’s date.

**10. [SB 300](#) (Umberg): Political Reform Act; Foreign Contributions**

FPPC Position: *Support*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Assembly Elections Committee

Amended: March 17, 2019

Last Action: Referred to Assembly Elections Committee – No hearing set

Summary:

The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits a foreign government or a foreign principal, as defined, from making any contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in connection with the qualification or support of, or opposition to, a state or local ballot measure. The Act prohibits a person or committee from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a foreign government or foreign principal for the same purposes. This bill would expand these prohibitions to include contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures in connection with the qualification or support, or opposition to, a state or local candidate. The bill would change the fine to an amount up to the greater of \$10,000 or 3 times the amount contributed or expended.

Staff Comments:

In 2016, the Commission supported nearly identical legislation ([AB 2250 – Ridley-Thomas](#)) to address the potential gap in the Political Reform Act related to foreign contributions to state and local candidates. The Federal Election Campaign Act generally prohibits foreign nationals from directly or indirectly donating or spending money in connection with *any* U.S. election. This federal law is one of the issues being litigated in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in [United States v. Ravneet Singh](#) on whether Congress has the authority to prohibit foreign contributions in state and local elections. SB 300 may provide a backstop to this important policy in the scenario the Court rules against the federal government.

**11. [SB 401](#) (Bates): Candidate Controlled Ballot Measure Committee; contribution limits**

FPPC Position: *Oppose unless Amended*

Status: Senate Elections Committee

Last Action: Failed passage in Senate Elections Committee (0 ayes, 4 noes) (04/23/19)

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a person from contributing to a primarily formed candidate controlled ballot measure committee more than the contribution limit imposed on candidates for elective state offices. The bill would prohibit a candidate for any elective office, or the candidate's controlled committees, from making a contribution to another candidate for elective office or a committee controlled by a candidate that is primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures in excess of the contribution limit established for candidates for elective state office. This bill would prohibit a committee controlled by a candidate for elective office that is primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures from expending campaign funds to make a contribution or other transfer of campaign funds to a committee for a purpose other than supporting or opposing a ballot measure that the controlled committee was primarily formed to support or oppose.

**12. [SB 423 \(Umberg\): Committee Bank Accounts](#)**

Recommendation: Approve substantive amendments

FPPC Position: *Sponsor*

Fiscal Estimate: No costs to the Commission

Status: Assembly Elections Committee hearing canceled at the request of the author

Amended: April 9, 2019

Last Action: Referred to the Assembly Elections Committee – May 30, 2019

Summary:

This bill would expand the bank account requirement to include all recipient committees, as defined in [subdivision \(a\) of §82013](#). This would mean all contributions (§82015) received by the committee would have to be deposited in the designated account, and all expenditures (§82025) made by the committee would have to be drawn from the designated account. This bill would also permit a committee to redact its bank account number on the copy of the committee's statement of organization filed with local filing officers. The bill permits the Secretary of State to redact bank account numbers on statement of organization disclosed in any form.

Staff Comments:

Staff received inquiries from interested persons regarding the intent and effects of SB 423 on existing committee practices, specifically political party committees. As a result of constructive conversations with interested persons, staff presented substantive amendments to SB 423 to make clear that political party committees and general purpose committees may create additional campaign contribution accounts consistent with Section 85303 and also to codify substantial portions of Regulation 18534 dealing with "restricted" and "all purpose" accounts.

The author's staff informed FPPC staff the bill would be made into a two-year bill. This is due to concerns expressed to the author's office by attorneys for the regulated public that the bill would limit the types of accounts a committee could maintain.