

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOS: Provides relative to the primary purpose of a committee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(26), relative to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act;
3 to provide for definitions; to provide for the definition of "primary purpose"; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1483(26) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1483. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given
9 to each in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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11 (26) "Primary purpose" means the purpose of making contributions or
12 expenditures that constitute ~~the preponderance~~ more than fifty percent of ~~the~~
13 ~~association, political party, an entity's~~ or group's spending during a calendar year.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that an entity or group shall have the purpose of making contributions or expenditures that constitute more than 50% of the entity's or group's spending during a calendar year to be considered a "committee" for purposes of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

For purposes of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, present law (R.S. 18:1483(6)) defines "committee" as any legal entity, including an association or political party, or other group of two or more persons, other than a husband and wife, which receives or anticipates receiving contributions, makes or anticipates making expenditures, and has the *primary purpose* of making contributions to or expenditures to or on behalf of any state or local elected official, candidate, campaign, or other committee. An entity shall not be a committee if the entity makes expenditures for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls using only the entity's general revenues and does not receive contributions for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:1483(26)) defines "primary purpose" as the purpose of making contributions or expenditures that constitute the preponderance of the association, political party, or group's spending during a calendar year.

Proposed law instead defines "primary purpose" as the purpose of making contributions or expenditures that constitute more than 50% of an entity's or group's spending during a calendar year.

(Amends R.S. 18:1483(26))