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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLIANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Morin, Messier, Marshall, and Casey

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-25-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-25 entitled "Rhode  
2 Island Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 **17-25-13. Penalties.**

5 (a) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this chapter shall,  
6 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one thousand  
7 dollars (\$1,000) per violation.

8 (b) The state board may fine any person or entity who violates the provisions of this  
9 chapter in an amount not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation.

10 (c) Fines, fees and penalties imposed by the state board for violations of this chapter shall  
11 be paid for by the candidate, officeholder or entity against whose campaign the fines, fees or  
12 penalties have been levied. Fines, fees and penalties levied by the state board pursuant to this  
13 chapter shall not be paid for from contributions or funds available in a campaign account.

14 (d) No person who owes more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in fines, fees, and  
15 penalties imposed for violations of this chapter, for more than two (2) years, and has exhausted all  
16 their rights of appeal may not be a candidate for public office.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit any person who owes more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in  
2 board of election imposed fines, fees and penalties for more than two (2) years, and who has  
3 exhausted all of their appeals, may not run for public office.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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