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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO ELECTION S-- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND
EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Board of Elections)

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 follows:

3 **17-25-13. Penalties.**

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make the chairperson of a political action committee or political party
- 2 committee responsible for fines levied by the board of elections.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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