



2024 KEY CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS BILLS

1) RESTRICTING PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Patrons: Sen. Boysko ([SB 377](#)), Del. Cherry ([HB 629](#)) and Del. Simon ([HB 40](#)) and Del. Convers-Fowler ([HB 1360](#))

Restricts the use of campaign contributions for personal use, details the permissible personal use of campaign funds while developing a system of reporting and an investigative process which protects candidates from frivolous complaints. It should be noted that the bills aren't identical.

2) STRENGTHENING CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of Independent Expenditures. Patrons: Senator Barbara Favola ([SB 78](#)) and Delegate Dan Helmer ([HB 276](#))

Increases the disclosure requirements for independent expenditures, requires that any advertisement that is an independent expenditure or expressly advocates for the passage or defeat of a referendum contain a disclaimer providing the names of all sponsoring organizations as well as the top three individual contributors.

Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports. ([HB 730](#)) Delegate Mark Sickles

Requires mandatory electronic filing of all campaign financing reports for all independent expenditures.

3) LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Caps on contributions. ([HB 874](#)) Delegate David Bulova.

Prohibits persons or any committees from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds \$20,000/election cycle to any one candidate for state-wide offices and Senators and \$10,000 for Delegates.

Restricting fundraising during special session. ([SB 107](#)) Senator Suetterlein

4) PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS

Delegate Marcus Simon ([HB 1045](#))

Establishes a Public Campaigns Program within the Dept. of Elections to provide matching payments of public money to participating candidates running for state-wide and legislative races.

5) REFORM OF THE ETHICS ADVISORY COUNCIL, "THE VIRGINIA INTEGRITY BILL"

Delegate Irene Shin ([HB 911](#))

Strengthens Virginia's commitment to ethical government by providing the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council (Council) with authority to meaningfully evaluate compliance with the Virginia General Assembly Conflicts of Interest Act.

6) OVERSIGHT CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS; ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY

Delegate Mike Cherry ([HB 643](#))

Provides that violations of the prohibition on campaign fundraising during legislative sessions are to be reported to the Attorney General who shall initiate civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalty currently assessed for such violations.