
State Government Committee

SB 5188

Brief Description: Providing an alternative manner of dispersing surplus political funds.

Sponsors: Senator McCaslin.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee may be donated to a school, school district, or educational service district.

Hearing Date: 2/22/02

Staff: Kimberly Berry (786-7291).

Background:

After a campaign, the surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee supporting or opposing a candidate may be disposed of in several ways:

- returned to contributors in an amount not exceeding their original contributions;
- transferred to the candidate as reimbursement for lost earnings incurred as a result of the campaign;
- transferred to a political party or a caucus political committee;
- donated to a charity;
- deposited in the state general fund;
- retained in a campaign depository for use in a future campaign; or
- retained in a separate account for non-reimbursed public office-related expenses.

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Rulemaking Authority: No express authority.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.