

HOUSE BILL NO. 4587

May 16, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Beeler and Bierlein and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"
(MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 54a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 54a. (1) Except as otherwise provided under this section,**
2 **for purposes of the contribution limitations under section 52, all**
3 **contributions made by political committees or independent**
4 **committees established by any labor organization, including any**
5 **parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department, or local unit**
6 **thereof, are considered to have been made by a single independent**

1 committee. By way of illustration and not limitation, both of the
2 following apply as a result of the application of this requirement:

3 (a) All of the political committees and independent committees
4 established by a single national or international labor
5 organization, by a labor organization of that national or
6 international labor organization, by a local labor organization of
7 that national or international labor organization, by any other
8 subordinate organization of that national or international labor
9 organization, or by any combination thereof, are treated as a
10 single independent committee.

11 (b) All of the political committees and independent committees
12 established by an organization of national or international unions,
13 by a state central body of that organization, by a local central
14 body of that organization, or by any combination thereof, are
15 treated as a single independent committee.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided under this section, a labor
17 organization may make a contribution to a ballot question committee
18 or independent expenditure committee subject to this act. A labor
19 organization may make an independent expenditure in any amount
20 advocating for the election or defeat of a candidate or the
21 qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question and does not
22 for this reason become a committee, unless the labor organization
23 solicits or receives contributions in excess of \$500.00 for the
24 purpose of making the independent expenditure, but is subject to
25 the independent expenditure reporting requirements under section
26 51.

27 (3) Except as otherwise provided under this act, subsections
28 (1) and (2) do not apply if the laws of this state include all of
29 the following:

1 (a) An individual is not required as a condition of obtaining
2 or continuing employment to do any of the following:

3 (i) Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary affiliation
4 with, or voluntary financial support of a labor organization.

5 (ii) Become or remain a member of a labor organization.

6 (iii) Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or
7 expenses of any kind or amount or provide anything of value to a
8 labor organization.

9 (iv) Pay to any charitable organization or third party an
10 amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues,
11 fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members
12 of or employees represented by a labor organization.

13 (b) No person shall by force, intimidation, or unlawful
14 threats compel or attempt to compel any public employee to do any
15 of the following:

16 (i) Become or remain a member of a labor organization or
17 bargaining representative or otherwise affiliate with or
18 financially support a labor organization or bargaining
19 representative.

20 (ii) Refrain from engaging in employment or refrain from
21 joining a labor organization or bargaining representative or
22 otherwise affiliating with or financially supporting a labor
23 organization or bargaining representative.

24 (iii) Pay to any charitable organization or third party an
25 amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues,
26 fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members
27 of or public employees represented by a labor organization or
28 bargaining representative.

29 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), an

1 individual is not required as a condition of obtaining or
2 continuing public employment to do any of the following:

3 (i) Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary affiliation
4 with, or voluntary financial support of a labor organization or
5 bargaining representative.

6 (ii) Become or remain a member of a labor organization or
7 bargaining representative.

8 (iii) Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or
9 expenses of any kind or amount or provide anything of value to a
10 labor organization or bargaining representative.

11 (iv) Pay to any charitable organization or third party any
12 amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues,
13 fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members
14 of or public employees represented by a labor organization or
15 bargaining representative.

16 (4) Subsection (3)(c) does not apply to any of the following:

17 (a) A public police or fire department employee or any person
18 who seeks to become employed as a public police or fire department
19 employee as that term is defined under section 2 of 1969 PA 312,
20 MCL 423.232.

21 (b) A state police trooper or sergeant who is granted rights
22 under section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963 or
23 any individual who seeks to become employed as a state police
24 trooper or sergeant.

25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
26 unless House Bill No. 4234 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into
27 law.