

HB 380-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***380-FN***

AN ACT requiring disclosure of gifts and campaign contributions by lobbyists.

SPONSORS: Rep. P. Sullivan, Hills 10; Rep. Timothy Smith, Hills 17

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires candidates and political committees to itemize donations from registered lobbyists.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT requiring disclosure of gifts and campaign contributions by lobbyists.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Reporting by Political Committees. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

2 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,
3 measure, or political party exceed \$500 except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the political
4 committee of a political party or the political committee of a candidate, shall file with the secretary of
5 state an itemized statement, signed by its chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts
6 exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post office address of the contributor in alphabetical
7 order and the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and the aggregate total for each
8 election for each contributor of over \$100. The statement shall be filed not later than the Wednesday
9 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and shall cover
10 the period from the day of the committee registration up to and including the Monday before the
11 statement is due. All receipts of \$25 or under shall appear on the statements as unitemized receipts.
12 Any listing which exceeds an individual's aggregate total of \$100 for each election shall be
13 accompanied by the contributor's occupation including official job title, the name of the contributor's
14 employer, and the city or town of the contributor's principal place of business, if any. The statement
15 shall also show each committee expenditure with the full name and city or town of persons,
16 corporations, committees, or to whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which
17 the expenditure was made, with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of
18 the registration. ***The statements shall include a separate itemized list of donations from***
19 ***lobbyists registered under RSA 15:1.***

20 2 Reporting by Candidates. Amend RSA 664:7 to read as follows:

21 664:7 Reporting by Candidates. Each candidate at the primary or general election for governor,
22 councilor, state senator, representative to general court, or county officer, who has expenditures
23 exceeding \$500, shall file statements before and after an election in like manner and detail as
24 prescribed in RSA 664:6, II, II-a, III, IV, and V, excepting, however, the expenditures of political
25 committees of the party to which the candidate belongs in elections other than primaries. ***Such***
26 ***statements shall also include an itemized list of donations from lobbyists registered under***
27 ***RSA 15:1.***

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.

HB 380 FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State states this bill, **as introduced**, will have no fiscal impact on state, county, and local revenues or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of State states this bill requires political committees and candidates to file a separate itemized list of campaign contributions made to them by lobbyists registered under RSA 15:1. The Department states any costs associated with the additional filings could be absorbed within the Department's operating budget.