

Amendment to HB 391

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT establishing a commission to review and make recommendations on campaign
4 finance laws.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Commission on Campaign Finance Laws. Amend RSA 664 by inserting after
9 section 5-c the following new section:

10 664:5-d Commission Established. There is established a commission to review and make
11 recommendations on campaign finance laws of the state of New Hampshire.

12 I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

13 (a) Two members of the senate election law and municipal affairs committee, one from
14 the majority appointed by the president of the senate and one from the minority nominated by the
15 senate minority leader and appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (b) Three members of the house of representatives election law committee, 2 from the
17 majority appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one from the minority
18 nominated by the minority leader of the house of representatives and appointed by the speaker of
19 the house of representatives.

20 (c) The attorney general, or designee.

21 (d) The secretary of state, or designee.

22 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
23 attending to the duties of the commission.

24 III. The commission shall, during at least one of its meetings, seek comment from
25 individuals representing the 2 major political parties regarding their concerns and/or issues with
26 existing campaign finance laws.

27 IV. The commission shall solicit input and receive public testimony from any person or
28 independent organizations that participate in the election process.

29 V. The commission shall review and make specific recommendations on the following items:

30 (a) Existing campaign finance laws and any inconsistencies that may exist therein.

31 (b) Determining whether state campaign finance laws differ from current federal
32 campaign finance laws.

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1 (c) Making legislative recommendations to streamline and improve the current process
2 in an effort to balance transparency and reporting requirements for both candidates and political
3 committees.

4 (d) Providing direction and clarity for those committees that have local reporting
5 requirements in addition to the state reporting requirements.

6 VI. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
7 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member.
8 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section.
9 Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

10 VII. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
11 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
12 election law and municipal affairs committee, and the house election law committee on or before
13 June 1, 2022. The report shall describe the activities and findings of the commission and
14 recommendations for proposed legislation and rulemaking by relevant agencies.

15 2 Prospective Repeal. RSA 664:5-d, relative to the commission to review and make
16 recommendations on campaign finance laws, is repealed.

17 3 Effective Date.

18 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 1, 2022.

19 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to review and make recommendations on campaign finance laws.