

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB218

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act.

5. Summary: State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, and Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006; limitations on gifts and campaign contributions. Limits undue influence on statewide officers, legislators, and candidates for such offices by imposing caps on gifts and campaign contributions to those persons. Gifts from any one person, other than a relative or personal friend, are capped at a value of \$2,000 for a single calendar year. This limitation applies to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and members of the General Assembly. Compliance with this limitation is a requirement for candidacy for those offices. Contributions to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the General Assembly from persons other than political party committees and political action committees are capped at \$20,000 for an election cycle and \$10,000 for a primary or other nomination process immediately preceding a general or special election. Contributions from political action committees are capped at \$50,000 for an election cycle and \$25,000 for a primary or other nomination process immediately preceding a general or special election. Compliance with these limitations is a requirement for candidacy for those offices. No limits are placed on contributions made by political party committees or by a candidate to their own campaign. The bill imposes civil penalties for violations of the gift and contribution limits.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill are not expected to create a cost to the Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, General Assembly, State and Local Government.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, General Assembly, State and Local Government.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Senate Bill No. 218 is similar to House Bill Nos. 537, 625 and 746, and Senate Bill Nos. 44, 274 and 410.