

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB119

House of Origin      X     Introduced                 Substitute                 Engrossed  
Second House                In Committee             Substitute                 Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Petersen

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**        **Campaign finance; contribution limits.**

**5. Summary:** Imposes limits on contributions to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the General Assembly. The limits are \$20,000 per general or special election and \$10,000 per primary election for contributions by persons and \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively, for political action committees. However, if contributions are made by a person or political action committee for a primary, then that person or committee is limited to contributions of \$10,000 and \$25,000, respectively, for the general or special election. There are no limits on contributions by political party committees or by a candidate to his own campaign. Civil penalties for violations of the limits may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate fiscal impact

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** State Board of Elections will incur an indeterminate expense stemming from the technology and labor required to track the contribution limits and enforce the legislation. However, there may be marginal positive impacts from the collection of the civil penalties, if enacted.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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