



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB3622

Introduced 2/28/2007, by Rep. Lou Lang

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-35 new

Amends the Election Code. Creates the Campaign Expenditure Limits Study Commission to determine, and report to the General Assembly upon, campaign expenditure limits for candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, State Senator, and State Representative. Provides for appointment of 6 Senators and 6 Representatives to the Commission by the legislative leaders. Requires that the Commission report to the General Assembly within 2 years and that the General Assembly pass legislation containing campaign expenditure limits within 3 years.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section  
5 9-35 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-35 new)

7 Sec. 9-35. Campaign Expenditure Limits Study Commission.

8 (a) The General Assembly declares that:

9 (1) A well-informed electorate is the greatest bulwark  
10 of democracy, and a voter's ability to knowledgeably choose  
11 among candidates for elective office depends largely upon  
12 each candidate's access to communication with voters.

13 (2) The resources a candidate may expend on  
14 communications with voters affect that candidate's ability  
15 to convey his or her views to each voter.

16 (3) Campaigns for State executive and legislative  
17 offices are increasingly costly, and limiting those  
18 candidates expenditures would assure competing office  
19 seekers a more level and equal access to voters.

20 (b) The Campaign Expenditure Limits Study Commission is  
21 created, consisting of the following members: 6 State Senators,  
22 appointed 3 each by the President and Minority Leader of the  
23 Senate, and 6 State Representatives, appointed 3 each by the

1 Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.  
2 Each appointing authority shall designate one of his or her  
3 appointees as a co-chair of the Commission.

4 Each Commission member shall serve at the pleasure of his  
5 or her appointing authority but in no event past the conclusion  
6 of his or her current term of legislative office. A vacancy  
7 shall be filled by appointment of the original appointing  
8 authority, and a member who has been reelected to his or her  
9 legislative office or elected to a different legislative office  
10 may be reappointed to the Commission.

11 The Commission, and membership on the Commission, shall  
12 expire the day after the Commission reports to the General  
13 Assembly pursuant to subsection (d).

14 Commission members shall not receive compensation but  
15 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of  
16 their service from funds appropriated for that purpose. The  
17 Commission shall meet quarterly and may meet more frequently  
18 upon joint call of its co-chairs.

19 (c) The Commission shall study and determine appropriate  
20 campaign expenditure limits for each of the offices of  
21 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of  
22 State, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, State Senator, and  
23 State Representative. In determining the limits, the  
24 Commission may consider and make recommendations upon:

25 (1) Whether separate limits are needed for primary and  
26 general election campaigns.

1           (2) Whether separate limits are needed on expenditures  
2           by various entities, including without limitation the  
3           candidate (with respect to personal resources), the  
4           candidate's political committee, others authorized by the  
5           candidate or his or her political committee, and others  
6           acting on behalf of the candidate without authorization of  
7           the candidate or his or her political committee.

8           (3) Whether expenditure limits should apply to in-kind  
9           as well as monetary campaign expenditures.

10           (4) Any other issue deemed relevant by the Commission.

11           (d) Within 2 years after the effective date of this  
12           amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Commission  
13           shall report to the General Assembly its campaign expenditure  
14           limits and any recommendations for statutory changes. Within 3  
15           years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
16           95th General Assembly, the General Assembly shall pass a bill  
17           or bills containing the campaign expenditure limits and any  
18           recommended changes, which shall take effect upon the effective  
19           date of the Public Act or Public Acts enacting that  
20           legislation.