

SB 534-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **534-FN**

AN ACT relative to compliance with certain political expenditures and contribution statutes.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. D. Kelley, Hills. 32; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Prevents certain foreign nationals from making political contributions during state election cycles.

II. Requires that political committee that file reports with the secretary of state include an affirmation of compliance with RSA 664:4, VI and RSA 664:5, III.

III. Requires a political committee that willfully violates RSA 664:4, VI or RSA 664:5, III to pay to the secretary of state the amount of the relevant contribution or expenditure, plus interest.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to compliance with certain political expenditures and contribution statutes.

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

1 1 Political Expenditures and Contributions; General Provisions; Applicability of Chapter.  
2 Amend RSA 664:1 to read as follows:

3 664:1 Applicability of Chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all state primary,  
4 general, and special elections, but shall only apply to presidential preference primaries as provided  
5 in this section. ***The provisions of RSA 664:2, 664:4, VII, 664:5, III, and 664:14-22 shall apply to***  
6 ***city, town, school district, and village district elections or meetings.*** The provisions relating  
7 to political advertising, push polling, and enforcement, RSA 664:14 through RSA ~~[664:22]~~ **664:21**,  
8 shall additionally apply to presidential primary~~[- city, town, school district, and village district]~~  
9 elections.

10 2 Political Expenditures and Contributions; General Provisions; Definitions. Amend RSA 664:2,  
11 X to read as follows:

12 X. "Measure" shall mean any constitutional amendment or question that is submitted or  
13 intended to be submitted to a popular vote ~~[at an election]~~.

14 3 New Paragraph; Political Expenditures and Contributions; Contributions; Prohibited Political  
15 Contributions. Amend RSA 664:4 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

16 VII. By any foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. Section 30121(b) and 11 C.F.R. Section  
17 110.20 (a)(3).

18 4 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Expenditures; Prohibited Political Expenditures.  
19 Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 664:5 to read as follows:

20 664:5 Prohibited Political Expenditures. No expenditure or use of a contribution, ***whether***  
21 tangible or intangible, shall be made for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of any  
22 political party, measure, or candidate:

23 5 New Paragraph; Political Expenditures and Contributions; Enforcement; Penalty. Amend  
24 RSA 664:21 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

25 X. If a political committee, or any foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. Section 30121(b)  
26 and 11 C.F.R. Section 110.20(a)(3), willfully violates RSA 664:4, VI or RSA 664:5, III, then the  
27 political committee or foreign national shall pay to the secretary of state the amount of such  
28 contribution or expenditure, plus interest accrued from the date of the contribution or expenditure,  
29 as applicable, at the current prime rate of interest as published in the Wall Street Journal on the

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1 date of payment. If funds of the political committee or foreign national are insufficient, the political  
2 committee or foreign national shall pay all of its available funds to the secretary of state, and the  
3 directors, officers, or members responsible for the financial decisions of the political committee or  
4 foreign national shall be jointly and severally liable for the amount due, in addition to any other  
5 penalties that may apply from this statute.

6       6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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**SB 534-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-1406h)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

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