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Amendment to SB 534-FN

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

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

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Political Expenditures and Contributions; General Provisions; Applicability of Chapter.
8 Amend RSA 664:1 to read as follows:

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

16 2 Political Expenditures and Contributions; General Provisions; Definitions. Amend RSA 664:2,
17 X to read as follows:

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

20 3 New Paragraph; Political Expenditures and Contributions; Contributions; Prohibited Political
21 Contributions. Amend RSA 664:4 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

22 VII. By any foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. Section 30121(b) and 11 C.F.R. Section
23 110.20 (a)(3).

24 4 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Expenditures; Prohibited Political Expenditures.
25 Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 664:5 to read as follows:

26 664:5 Prohibited Political Expenditures. No expenditure or use of a contribution, ***whether***
27 tangible or intangible, shall be made for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of any
28 political party, measure, or candidate:

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1 5 New Paragraph; Political Expenditures and Contributions; Enforcement; Penalty. Amend
2 RSA 664:21 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

3 X. If a political committee, or any foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. Section 30121(b)
4 and 11 C.F.R. Section 110.20(a)(3), willfully violates RSA 664:4, VI or RSA 664:5, III, then the
5 political committee or foreign national shall pay to the secretary of state the amount of such
6 contribution or expenditure, plus interest accrued from the date of the contribution or expenditure,
7 as applicable, at the current prime rate of interest as published in the Wall Street Journal on the
8 date of payment. If funds of the political committee or foreign national are insufficient, the political
9 committee or foreign national shall pay all of its available funds to the secretary of state, and the
10 directors, officers, or members responsible for the financial decisions of the political committee or
11 foreign national shall be jointly and severally liable for the amount due, in addition to any other
12 penalties that may apply from this statute.

13 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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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.