CHAPTER 1218

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS STUDY COMMITTEE S.F. 2014

AN ACT to provide for an independent study of campaign financing of candidates for state offices and the independent expenditures of political committees.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1.

- 1. There is established a political campaigns study committee which shall consist of eleven members. The members shall be as follows:
 - a. Two members appointed by the majority leader of the senate.
 - b. Two members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
 - c. Two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
 - d. Two members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- e. One member appointed by each chairperson of a state statutory political committee under chapter 43.
 - f. The chairperson of the campaign finance disclosure commission.

A member of the general assembly is ineligible for appointment to the committee.

- 2. The members of the political campaigns study committee shall be reimbursed for their travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The members of the committee who are not public employees shall also be paid a per diem of forty dollars. The per diem and expenses shall be paid from the funds appropriated under section 2.12.
- 3. The political campaign study committee shall conduct a study on the financing of political campaigns of candidates and the independent expenditures of political committees. The study committee shall examine the effects of political action committees and the desirability of limiting political action committee contributions to candidates, the policies of other states regarding campaign financing and the possibility and desirability of public financing, in whole or in part, of campaigns for state offices.
- 4. The appointments under subsection 1 shall be made within thirty days of the effective date of this Act. The meetings of the political campaigns study committee are subject to the approval of the legislative council. The study committee may request that the legislative council provide staff for the study committee from the staff of the legislative service bureau. The campaign finance disclosure commission shall provide assistance and information for the activities of the study committee.
- 5. The political campaign study committee shall transmit copies of its final report to the legislative council by January 2, 1985 which shall include its findings of fact and recommendations.

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