

HCS HB 1265 -- CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

SPONSOR: May

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute requires any individual, acting on his or her own behalf or representing any business or committee other than a candidate or party committee, who purchases print advertising, purchases or causes any matter to be transmitted on a broadcast station, or hires a professional phone bank to make calls regarding or relative to any candidate for public office to fill out and sign a form to be prepared by the Missouri Ethics Commission listing certain information.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that candidates should be able to find out who is sponsoring advertisements about them.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Wildberger.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the state shouldn't mandate that a private industry act as a police force.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Broadcasters Association.

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