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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

### **LD 1621 An Act To Reform Payments to Legislators by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 276 provides that, if a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of a political action committee or a ballot question committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for a political action committee or a ballot question committee:

1. The committee may not compensate the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator for services provided to the committee;
2. The committee may not make payments to; may not distribute, loan, advance, deposit or give money or anything of value to; and may not provide compensation to a business owned or operated by the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator;
3. The committee may not make any payments for or reimburse the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator for any expenses that are determined by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to be for the purpose of personal financial enrichment of the Legislator or the immediate family member of the Legislator;
4. The committee may pay for or reimburse the Legislator for travel expenses incurred in the proper performance of the Legislator's legislative duties and for travel expenses associated with volunteering for the committee, including by providing mileage reimbursement to a Legislator who uses the Legislator's own vehicle for these purposes. The committee may not pay for or reimburse the Legislator for the direct costs of repairing or maintaining the Legislator's vehicle, however;
5. The committee may not pay for or reimburse the Legislator for any expenses that have been or will be paid for or reimbursed by the Legislature or any other source of payment or reimbursement; and
6. The committee's funds may not be commingled with the personal funds of the Legislator or the funds of a business owned or operated by the Legislator or any other person.

A committee that violates the prohibitions of Public Law 2021, chapter 276 and a Legislator who accepts an impermissible payment or reimbursement or whose funds are impermissibly commingled with the committee's funds commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 or the amount of the impermissible payment or reimbursement, whichever is greater, may be imposed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.