

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5365**

**AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Allowing voluntary payroll deductions for political committees.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Snyder, Winsley and Bauer

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Staff:** Jon Carlson (786-7459)

**Hearing Dates:** February 12, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 3, 1992, Initiative 134 was approved into law. This initiative established maximum dollar amounts for permissible political contributions to campaigns for state legislative offices and the nine statewide elected officers.

Also included were time limits for state officials to solicit or accept contributions, prohibitions on the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for state or local offices, and additional reporting requirements with regard to gifts.

Among the various other provisions, language was stricken which allowed voluntary state payroll deductions for political committees registered with the Public Disclosure Commission.

**SUMMARY:**

The statutory language pertaining to voluntary state payroll deductions, stricken as a result of the passage of Initiative 134 in 1992, is reinstated.

Voluntary state payroll deductions for political committees registered with the Public Disclosure Commission is permitted. At least 25 or more officers or employees of a single agency, or a total of 100 officers or employees of several agencies, must have authorized a deduction for payment to the same political committee.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** requested