

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2018 to clarify its applicability.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Political Committee Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2018, the Council passed the Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2018, effective March 13, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-250; 66 DCR 985) (“Act”), which addresses, among numerous other campaign finance-related issues, so-called “pay-to-play” government contracting.

(b) As initially passed, the Act was subject to appropriations and also contained an applicability date of November 4, 2020, for the provisions related to pay-to-play government contracting. As the Act was funded, the Council revised the applicability clause through the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021, effective November 13, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-45; 68 DCR 10163), to have the provisions apply to contracts entered into or executed on or after November 9, 2022, the day after the 2022 General Election.

(c) In making this revision, the Council's intent was that the provisions should apply to all elections after the 2022 General Election. The Council did not intend for the provisions to apply to political committees organized in support of candidates elected to office in the November 8, 2022, General Election.

(d) This emergency legislation clarifies that the provisions in the Act relating to pay-to-play government contracting do not apply to an inaugural or transition committee organized in 2022. As these provisions now apply to contracts entered into on or after November 9, 2022, this clarification must be passed on an emergency basis.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Political Committee Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.