

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB584 **Patron:** Salim
Bill Title: Campaign finance; contribution limits; penalties.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Elections to provide an interface for the campaign finance database maintained by the Department that allows users to easily search for and sort information by individual candidates and types of elections, offices, committees, other spenders, and contributors; contributions, receipts, disbursements, expenditures, loans, and other categories of information included in campaign finance reports; and late filings, incomplete filings, and other violations. The bill specifies that the interface shall also provide users with tools for manipulating and exporting data. The bill prohibits foreign nationals, as defined in the bill, from making any contribution or expenditure, or expressly or impliedly promising to provide anything of value, in connection with any ballot measure and any foreign-influenced corporations, as defined in the bill, from making independent expenditures or making contributions to a candidate, campaign committee, or political committee. Any such corporation violating the prohibition is subject to a fine of not more than \$50,000 and any officer, director, or agent of any such corporation involved in such violation is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. The bill also requires that any corporation, as defined in the bill, that makes an independent expenditure or makes a contribution to a candidate, campaign committee, political committee, or political party committee shall certify, under penalty of perjury, with the Department of Elections that, after due inquiry, the corporation was not a foreign-influenced corporation on the date such expenditure or contribution was made. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons and committees from making contributions that exceed the specified contribution caps for certain committees organized under the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and prohibits such committees from accepting such contributions. The bill specifies that the contribution cap is equal to the specified base amount in 2026 adjusted for inflation at regular intervals and rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100. Civil penalties for violations of the limits established by the bill are \$500 for each violation. A separate penalty of up to two times the excess contribution amounts may be levied for knowing violations. The excess contribution amounts are required to be disgorged and deposited into the general fund. The Department of Elections is required to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill prior to its enactment. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Due to the penalties associated with the bill a standard fiscal impact is provided for the Department of Corrections through the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Elections if the proposed funding in FY26-FY28 Introduced Budget is provided.

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General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>	
The Department of Corrections	-	\$50,000	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL		\$50,000					

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Elections (ELECT) does not require additional funding for this bill if the final approved Biennial budget keeps funding to replace the campaign finance system that was introduced by Governor Youngkin for the 2026 - 2028 Biennial budget. If funding for the replacement of the campaign finance system is not included in the biennial budget ELECT will need approximately \$519,179 to meet the objectives of the bill with a delayed effective date to December 31, 2027. ELECT will supplement its workforce with 8 contracted employees to implement the requirements of the bill as current staff and contractors are implementing the new state voter registration system. Changes will have to be made to the current campaign finance system that would require a Business Analyst, Cloud Developer and Data Warehouse/Business Intelligence Developer for approximately 1920 hours each at an average hourly cost of \$70.17. In addition to the supplemental staff the agency anticipates additional VITA cost of \$115,000.

Individuals who knowingly aid or abet a foreign-influenced corporation in making such a contribution are subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to one year. Any corporation that contributes to a candidate or qualifying committee must file a statement certifying their compliance with the proposal's provisions. This statement must be filed within seven days after making the contribution, and it must be signed by the chief executive officer of the corporation under penalty of perjury. Perjury is a Class 5 felony. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2025 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Other: N/A