

1 SENATE BILL NO. 688
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Privileges and Elections
4 on February 27, 2026)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Surovell)

6 *A BILL to urge the United States Congress to take action relating to campaign finance contribution and*
7 *expenditure limits.*

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 1. *§ 1. That the Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this act to the President of the United States*
10 *Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia*
11 *Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia on*
12 *the need to take action with regard to campaign finance regulation. Specifically, that the General Assembly*
13 *finds that:*

14 1. *The United States Supreme Court's decisions in Citizens United v. FEC, 558 US. 310 (2010),*
15 *McCutcheon v. FEC, 572 U.S. 185 (2014), and other related campaign finance cases are wrongly decided;*

16 2. *The integrity of Virginia's democratic process depends upon the active participation of the public and*
17 *upon public confidence in its elected officials and candidates for public office;*

18 3. *Citizens United v. FEC and McCutcheon v. FEC undermine the integrity of Virginia's democratic*
19 *process by preventing reasonable limits on campaign contributions and expenditures, which enables wealthy*
20 *special interests to monopolize the political discourse at the expense of the public, allows actual or perceived*
21 *opportunities for corruption and undue influence, and creates the appearance that elected officials are*
22 *beholden to wealthy donors rather than to the citizens they represent;*

23 4. *Reasonable limits on campaign contributions and expenditures coupled with robust anti-coordination*
24 *policies serve compelling state interests in preventing corruption and the appearance of corruption,*
25 *promoting electoral integrity, and ensuring that all citizens have a meaningful opportunity to participate in*
26 *the political process regardless of their economic resources;*

27 5. *The limits set forth in the first enactment of Senate Bill 688 as introduced during the 2026 Session of*
28 *the General Assembly are narrowly tailored to achieve these compelling interests while preserving robust*
29 *political speech and association; and*

30 6. *Establishing contribution and expenditure limits will enhance public trust in Virginia's electoral*
31 *system, facilitate greater transparency, and ensure that elected officials remain accountable to all Virginians.*