



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Requires Secretary of State to randomly select for examination accounts of political committees. Requires that examinations occur four times per calendar year and determine whether committee accurately and timely complied with filing requirements during three months immediately preceding examination.

Permits Secretary of State or Attorney General, upon reasonable suspicion of violation, to examine accounts of person, political committee or petition committee being investigated as result of elector filing complaint alleging violation of election law or rule.

Permits Attorney General, during investigation of election complaint, to issue subpoena to compel production of relevant documents or information.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure bank account records and other information provided to the Secretary of State or the Attorney General as part of an examination of a political committee's compliance with reporting requirements or during an investigation of an allegation of an election law or rule violation.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive additional information regarding examinations and investigations of political committees, particularly of those examinations and investigations that do not find sufficient evidence of wrongdoing to justify pursuing the matter further.