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Memo

To: Commissioners
From: Sean Flynn, General Counsel
Date: July 16, 2026
Re: Leftover issues from the 2026 legislative session

This memo provides a brief outline of the major campaign finance-related policy issues from the 2026 legislative session that potentially may carry over to the 2027 session.

Personal privacy safety protections for public officials

House Bill 2333 (Berry), proposed several measures to protect elected officials and other public officials from targeted harassment and violence. These measures included the non-disclosure of residential addresses reportable on the F-1 and campaign reports. Additional measures would allow public officials to use campaign funds for personal safety measures during the campaign and when in office.

Other provisions would protect against disclosure of personal information maintained by the Secretary of State, including voting registration records, and the state patrol also were included in the bill. The bill passed the House with significant amendments but stalled in the Senate.

Prohibitions on foreign nationals and required certifications for contributions

House Bill HB 2123 (Fitzgibbon) proposed eliminating the requirement that all contributions to political committees and candidates from non-individuals must include a certification that the contribution was not financed or controlled by a foreign national. The bill passed the House and was amended in the Senate but did not pass that chamber.

Standardizing campaign expenditure reporting

PDC request legislation, SB 5840 (J. Wilson), proposed improving uniformity in the campaign expenditure reporting schedule, including reporting due dates on the 10th and 25th day of each month from July through October, rather than 21-and-7 days before the general election. Campaigns would have an addition day to prepare pre-election expenditure reports. Monthly reporting would be standardized throughout the year for committees participating in an election that year. The bill passed the Senate but did not survive the House.