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ROBERT FAHRENHOLTZ, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To establish an ethics commission in regards to campaign finance and monitoring of monetary assets

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Missouri Boys State, as follows:*

Section 1. This act might be referred to as the "Campaign Transparency & Ethics Act"

Section 2. To oversee the use of funds and monitor campaign finance activities, a commission on ethics will be set up. The commission will be led in part by the Secretary of State, and a selected panel of impartial citizens.

Section 3. All state and county campaigns may take unlimited monetary donations. However, they must report all patrons of their campaign, individual or corporate, and the value of their contribution to the commission on ethics.

Section 4. Reporting of campaign funds will be done through a print form, provided by the commission. These records will be held and reviewed by the commission for irregularities.

Section 5. If campaigns fail to report their contributions or contributors in a transparent or timely manner, the ethics commission and Secretary of State would conduct an investigation into the campaign to ensure campaign funds were not illicitly spent or used.

Section 6. If an investigation rules illicit use of monetary assets, money laundering, or extensive lack of reporting, the ethics commission could petition the Secretary of State to disqualify a candidate. This petition would need to be public and unanimous in the opinion of the commission.