



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2457

charitable organization filings

Purpose

Removes charitable organizations from the purview of the Secretary of State.

Background

The Secretary of State (SOS) is responsible for coordinating statewide elections; receiving required filings from legislators, state officials, judges, candidates for office, campaign committees and lobbyists; training county elections officials; receiving filings of administrative rules, intergovernmental agency agreements and official executive orders or proclamations; recordings and filings under the Uniform Commercial Code; registering trade names, trademarks and limited partnerships; appointing notaries public; and certifying certain telemarketing and charitable solicitation organizations.

Charitable organizations are required to file a registration statement with the SOS prior to soliciting its first contribution, whether through a contracted fundraiser or otherwise. The registration must be renewed annually and all information contained in the registration is considered public information and open to public inspection.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Deletes statute relating to the registration of charitable organizations and contracted fundraisers by the SOS.
1. Maintains that a veterans' organization must file a registration statement with the SOS, in a format as determined by the SOS, in order to solicit money or other support in the name of American veterans.
2. Elucidates that the following are exempt from registering for telephone solicitation with the SOS:
  - a) a charitable organization, the state, any county, any municipality or agencies; and
  - b) a political party, candidate for federal, state or local office or campaign committee required to file financial information with federal, state or local election agencies.
3. Removes the following definitions from statute pertaining to solicitation of funds: *charitable purpose* and *contribution*.

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4. Makes technical and conforming changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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